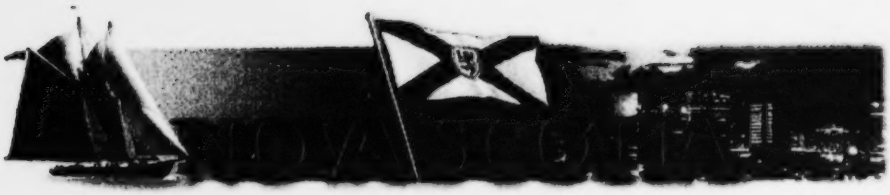

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We also use the the mailout to notify the community about the release of Department of Finance publications.

Some of the issues are supplemented with summaries of data from other sources or augmented with data not reported in the Daily. (Short Term Expectations, CPI, Labour Force, etc.)

The emphasis is on Canada and Nova Scotia.

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Date: 1/5/00 11:56AM
Subject: !PPI Nov'99; RMPI Nov'99; Help-wanted Index Dec'99

INDUSTRIAL PRODUCT PRICE INDEX November 1999
Statistics Canada Cat. No. 62-011-XPB

In Canada November 1999, the IPPI (1992=100) remained unchanged at 123.2 over October 1999, and increased +2.4% over November 1998.

RAW MATERIALS PRICE INDEX November 1999
Statistics Canada Cat. No. 62-011-XPB

In Canada November 1999, the RMPI (1992=100) increased +3.4% to 129.1 over October 1999, and increased +23.2% over November 1998.

In Canada November 1999, the RMPI excluding mineral fuels (1992=100) , increased +0.2% to 118.6 over October 1999, and increased +3.0% over November 1998.

HELP-WANTED INDEX December 1999

In Canada December 1999, the help-wanted index (1996=100) increased +1.2% to 164 over November 1999, and increased +11.6% over December 1998.

In Nova Scotia December 1999, the help-wanted index (1996=100) remained unchanged at 167 over November 1999, and increased +7.7% over December 1999.

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From: Doug McCann
To: daily2
Date: 1/5/00 1:54PM
Subject: Short Term Expectations Jan 2000

SHORT TERM EXPECTATIONS

Every month Statistics Canada canvasses a group of economic analysts for forecasts of key economic indicators. Results attached.

The forecast for February;

Consumer Price Index percentage increase (yr/yr) is	+2.2%
Unemployment rate seasonally adjusted	7.0%
Labour force participation seasonally adjusted	65.6%

The forecast for January

Exports ($billions)	$31.0
Imports ($billions)	$28.1

The forecast for December 1999

GDP at FC $1992 (mth/mth) percent increase	+0.3%

In November the survey results forecast CPI to increase +2.1% while the actual was +2.2%; the unemployment rate was forecast to be 7.7%, and the actual was 6.9%; labour force participation rate was forecast to be 65.6%, while the actual was 65.5%.

In October the survey results forecast exports to be $30.5 billion, while the actual was $30.7 billion; imports were forecast to be $27.3 billion, while the actual was $28.0 billion; GDP to increase +0.3%, while the actual was +0.1%.

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			original version	1st revision	2nd revision			
Cansim	**Consumer Price Index**	98/09	1.2	1.1	0.9	0.6	1.0	0.7
9940	**Indices des prix à la**	98/10	1.1	1.0	0.8	0.6	1.0	1.0
Serie	**consommation**	98/11	1.1	0.9	1.1	0.8	1.3	1.2
P100000	% year/year	98/12	1.0	1.2	1.3	1.1	1.5	1.0
		99/01	1.1	1.2	1.0	0.6	1.1	0.6
		99/02	1.2	1.1	0.7	0.5	1.0	0.7
		99/03	1.1	0.8	0.7	0.3	0.9	1.0
		99/04	0.9	0.8	1.1	0.5	1.2	1.7
		99/05	0.8	0.9	1.5	1.2	1.8	1.6
		99/06	1.0	1.5	1.5	1.3	1.6	1.6
		99/07	1.5	1.5	1.7	1.4	2.0	1.8
		99/08	1.6	1.7	1.8	1.6	2.1	2.1
		99/09	1.9	1.9	2.1	1.7	2.5	2.6
		99/10	1.9	2.0	2.5	2.3	2.5	2.3
		99/11	2.1	2.4	2.3	2.1	2.6	2.2
		99/12	2.4	2.3	2.3	2.1	2.7	
		00/01	2.2	2.3		2.0	2.7	
		00/02	2.2			1.9	2.7	
Cansim	**Unemployment**	98/09	8.4	8.4	8.4	8.3	8.5	8.3
3451	**Chômage**	98/10	8.5	8.4	8.4	8.3	9.1	8.0
Serie	% (S.A.)	98/11	8.5	8.5	8.2	8.0	8.5	8.0
D980745		98/12	8.5	8.2	8.0	7.8	8.5	8.0
		99/01	8.3	8.3	8.1	7.9	8.2	7.8
		99/02	8.3	8.1	7.7	6.4	8.0	7.8
		99/03	8.1	7.9	7.8	7.7	7.9	7.8
		99/04	7.9	7.8	7.8	7.7	8.0	8.3
		99/05	7.8	7.8	8.1	8.0	8.3	8.1
		99/06	7.7	8.0	8.1	8.0	8.3	7.6
		99/07	8.0	8.1	7.7	7.5	8.0	7.7
		99/08	8.1	7.8	7.7	7.6	7.8	7.8
		99/09	7.8	7.7	7.8	7.6	7.9	7.5
		99/10	7.7	7.7	7.5	7.5	7.6	7.2
		99/11	7.7	7.5	7.3	7.2	7.4	6.9
		99/12	7.5	7.3	7.0	6.8	7.1	
		00/01	7.3	7.0		6.7	7.2	
		00/02	7.0			6.7	7.3	
Cansim	**Labour Force**	98/09	65.0	65.0	64.9	64.8	65.0	65.2
3451	**participation rate**	98/10	64.9	64.9	65.1	64.6	65.4	65.3
Serie	**Taux de participation -**	98/11	64.9	65.1	65.2	65.0	65.6	65.5
D980778	**population active**	98/12	65.0	65.2	65.5	65.0	65.8	65.6
	% (S.A.)	99/01	65.1	65.4	65.6	65.4	65.7	65.8
		99/02	65.3	65.6	65.7	65.0	66.0	65.8
		99/03	65.5	65.7	65.8	65.8	65.9	65.6
		99/04	65.7	65.9	65.7	65.6	65.9	66.0
		99/05	65.9	65.8	65.9	65.5	66.1	65.7
		99/06	65.8	65.9	65.9	65.7	66.0	65.3
		99/07	65.9	66.0	65.5	65.3	65.7	65.4
		99/08	66.0	65.6	65.5	65.4	65.7	65.4
		99/09	65.6	65.6	65.5	65.3	65.6	65.4
		99/10	65.7	65.5	65.4	65.4	65.5	65.5
		99/11	65.6	65.5	65.5	65.3	65.7	65.5
		99/12	65.6	65.6	65.6	65.4	65.7	
		00/01	65.5	65.6		65.3	65.7	
		00/02	65.6			65.3	65.7	

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Cansim	**Exports**	98/09	26.7	25.7	27.1	26.0	28.0	27.2	27.7
3685	**Exportations**	98/10	25.7	27.0	27.1	26.5	27.6	28.5	28.4
Serie	billions $	98/11	26.9	27.2	28.2	27.0	29.0	28.4	28.4
D399449		98/12	27.1	28.2	28.0	26.0	28.9	28.3	28.3
		99/01	28.0	27.9	28.2	27.8	28.6	28.9	28.8
		99/02	27.9	28.2	28.8	28.1	29.2	28.7	28.6
		99/03	28.2	28.8	28.8	28.4	29.1	29.0	28.8
		99/04	29.0	28.8	28.5	25.8	29.2	28.7	28.8
		99/05	28.8	28.9	29.0	28.7	29.1	28.9	29.0
		99/06	29.0	28.9	28.9	28.5	29.3	29.4	29.6
		99/07	28.9	29.0	29.3	28.5	30.0	30.0	30.3
		99/08	29.0	29.4	30.1	29.8	30.6	31.2	31.3
		99/09	29.6	30.3	31.3	31.0	32.0	30.3	30.3
		99/10	30.5	31.5	30.8	30.5	31.3	30.7	30.7
		99/11	31.6	30.8	30.9	30.6	31.1		
		99/12	30.9	31.0		30.4	31.3		
		00/01	31.0			30.8	31.6		
Cansim	**Imports**	98/09	24.4	24.3	25.1	24.0	25.6	25.6	25.9
3651	**Importations**	98/10	24.3	25.1	25.4	24.9	25.9	26.5	26.7
Serie	billions $	98/11	25.0	25.4	26.3	25.0	27.1	26.5	26.6
D397990		98/12	25.5	26.4	26.2	25.0	27.0	26.8	26.8
		99/01	26.3	26.2	26.6	26.0	27.0	26.2	26.1
		99/02	26.2	26.6	26.3	25.0	26.6	26.1	26.4
		99/03	26.5	26.4	26.2	26.0	26.6	26.4	26.4
		99/04	26.5	26.3	26.5	26.2	26.9	26.3	26.5
		99/05	26.2	26.5	26.4	26.3	26.5	26.5	26.7
		99/06	26.6	26.4	26.4	26.0	26.6	26.6	26.8
		99/07	26.7	26.4	26.7	26.5	27.1	26.9	27.0
		99/08	26.5	26.7	27.0	26.8	27.3	27.6	27.7
		99/09	27.1	27.1	27.6	27.0	27.9	27.8	27.8
		99/10	27.3	27.8	27.8	27.1	28.0	28.0	28.0
		99/11	27.8	27.8	28.0	27.3	28.5		
		99/12	27.9	28.1		27.4	28.3		
		00/01	28.1			27.5	28.5		
Cansim	**Gross Domestic**	98/08	0.5	0.2	0.1	-0.1	0.6	0.7	0.8
4680	**Product (at factor**	98/09	0.1	0.0	0.3	-0.2	0.5	0.1	0.1
Serie	**cost by industry)**	98/10	0.1	0.2	0.3	-0.2	0.6	0.2	0.4
i56001	**Produit intérieur brut**	98/11	0.1	0.1	0.1	-0.3	0.3	0.4	0.5
	(au coût des facteurs	98/12	0.2	0.2	0.2	-0.2	0.6	0.4	0.5
	par industrie)	99/01	0.1	0.2	0.4	0.2	0.6	0.2	0.4
	(S.A.) constant 1992 $	99/02	0.1	0.3	0.2	0.0	0.3	0.1	0.2
	% month/month)	99/03	0.3	0.3	0.2	0.1	0.5	0.3	0.3
		99/04	0.3	0.2	0.2	-0.1	0.4	0.3	0.2
		99/05	0.2	0.2	0.2	-0.1	0.4	0.3	0.3
		99/06	0.2	0.3	0.3	0.1	0.6	0.3	0.3
		99/07	0.3	0.3	0.3	0.2	0.6	0.4	0.5
		99/08	0.2	0.3	0.4	0.3	0.6	0.5	0.4
		99/09	0.3	0.3	0.4	0.2	0.5	0.2	0.2
		99/10	0.3	0.3	0.3	0.2	0.4	0.1	0.1
		99/11	0.4	0.3		0.1	0.4		
		99/12	0.3			0.1	0.5		

From: Doug McCann
To: daily2
Date: 1/6/00 9:43AM
Subject: Crude Oil, Natural Gas

CRUDE OIL AND NATURAL GAS October 1999
Statistics Canada Cat. No. 26-006-XPB

In Canada October 1999, crude oil production declined -6.1% to 10.4 million cubic metres over October 1998. Year-to-date production declined -6.4% to 100.4 million cubic metres over Jan-Oct 1998.

In Canada October 1999, natural gas production increased +2.2% to 13.9 billion cubic metres over October 1998. Year-to-date production increased +1.3% to 134.4 billion cubic metres over Jan-Oct 1998.

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LABOUR FORCE SURVEY December 1999
Statistics Canada Cat. No. 71-001-PPB

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http://www.gov.ns.ca/fina/publish/pub19.htm
http://www.gov.ns.ca/fina/stats.div/brief/employ.htm
http://www.gov.ns.ca/fina/statisti/emp/empl1.htm

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http://iweb.gov.ns.ca/fina/statisti/library.htm

Seasonally Adjusted
(month over month)
In Canada December 1999 labour force increased +0.3% to 16.0 million, employment increased +0.3% to 14.9 million, unemployment remained unchanged at 1.1 million, and the unemployment rate remained unchanged at 6.9% over November 1999.

In Nova Scotia December 1999 labour force remained unchanged at 461,400, employment declined -0.3% to 415,400, unemployment increased +4.1% to 46,100 and the unemployment rate increased +0.4 percentage points to 10.0% over November 1999.

Unadjusted
(year over year)
In Canada December 1999 labour force increased +1.3% to 15.8 million, employment increased +2.6% to 14.8 million, unemployment declined -14.1% to 1.0 million, and the unemployment rate declined -1.2 percentage points to 6.5% over December 1998.

In Nova Scotia December 1999 labour force increased +2.8% to 455,000, employment increased + 3.0% to 412,100, unemployment increased +0.7% to 43,000 and the unemployment rate declined -0.1 percentage points to 9.5% over December 1998.

SPECIAL NOTE

Important news regarding the Labour Force Survey

This is to inform you about some important changes that will affect Labour Force Survey data at the beginning of year 2000. First , all estimates produced by the Labour Force Survey will be adjusted to reflect population counts based on the 1996 Census. Secondly, composite estimation will be adopted. This new method of estimation has the advantage of reducing the volatility of month-to-month changes for a number of variables.

As a result of these two changes, all Labour Force Survey estimates will be revised back to January 1976. Users must be aware that beginning with January 2000 data to be released on February 4, historical comparisons of estimates produced by the LFS must be made with revised historical data.

Revised historical data will be available on CANSIM at the end of January as well as on the Labour Force Historical Review CE-ROM, which will be released in February. If you have any questions regarding these changes, please do not hesitate to contact Nathalie Caron at (613) 951-4168.

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Subject: Building Permits; Housing Price Index; Labour Income; Refined Petroleum

BUILDING PERMITS November 1999
Statistics Canada Cat. No. 64-001-XIB

In Canada November 1999, the value of building permits (seasonally adjusted) increased +4.0% to $3.2 billion over October 1999, and increased +16.1% over November 1998.

In Nova Scotia November 1999, the value of building permits (seasonally adjusted) increased +3.0% to $98 million over October 1999, and increased +49.8% over November 1998.

NEW HOUSING PRICE INDEX November 1999
Statistics Canada Cat. No. 62-007-XPB

In Canada November 1999, the new housing price index (1992=100) increased +0.3% to 101.8 over October 1999, and increased +1.6% over November 1998.

In Halifax November 1999, the new housing price index (1992=100) increased +0.4% to 113.4 over October 1999, and increased +4.6% over November 1998.

ESTIMATES OF LABOUR INCOME October 1999
Statistics Canada Cat. No. 13F0016XPB

In Canada October 1999, labour income (wages, salaries and supplemental income) seasonally adjusted, increased +0.4% to $41.4 billion over September 1999.

DOMESTIC SALES OF REFINED PETROLEUM PRODUCTS November 1999
Statistics Canada Cat. No. 45-004-XPB

In Canada November 1999, sales of refined petroleum products increased +4.8% to 8.0 million cubic metres over November 1998. Year-to-date sales increased +1.1% to 85.5 million cubic metres over Jan-Nov 1998.

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Date: 1/17/00 10:07AM
Subject: Innovation

INNOVATION ANALYSIS BULLETIN VOL 2 NO 1
http://www.statcan.ca/english/freepub/88-003-XIE/0029988-003-XIE.pdf

In Canada 1997, cellular telephone subscribers increased +22% to about 4.0 million, over 1996. Personal use cell phones are present in 19% of Canadian households.

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From: Doug McCann
To: daily2
Date: 1/18/00 10:50AM
Subject: Motor Vehicles; Services Indicators; Productivity; Construction Wages; Railways

NEW MOTOR VEHICLE SALES November 1999
Statistics Canada Cat. No. 63-007-XIB

In Canada November 1999, new motor vehicle unit sales (seasonally adjusted) increased +3.1% to 132,749 units over October 1999, and increased +11.7% over November 1998.

In Canada November 1999, new motor vehicle unit sales (unadjusted) increased +15.2% to 122,644 units over October 1999.

In Nova Scotia November 1999, new motor vehicle unit sales (unadjusted) increased +16.4% over October 1999.

SERVICES INDICATORS 3RD QUARTER 1999
Statistics Canada Cat. No. 63-016-XPB

In Canada 3rd quarter 1999, real GDP growth in the services sector increased +0.7% over the 2nd quarter 1999, and increased +3.7% over the same quarter last year.

Consumer spending in the services sector increased +0.9% over the previous quarter, and increased +3.9% over the 3rd quarter 1998.

Employment in the services sector increased +2.3% (242.000 new jobs) over the 3rd quarter 1998.

In the 3rd quarter 1999, Canada's international trade deficit in services remained unchanged at $1.8 billion over the 2nd quarter 1999, and increased +9% over the 3rd quarter 1998.

http://www.statcan.ca/cgi-bin/IPS/display?cat_num=63-016-XIB

AGGREGATE MEASURES OF PRODUCTIVITY
Statistics Canada Cat. No. 15-204-XPE

In Canada 1998, the labour productivity index (1992=100) increased +0.6% to 107.2 over 1997. The hourly compensation index (1992=100) increased +3.8% to 114.9, and the unit labour cost index (1992=100) increased +3.2% to 107.1.

CONSTRUCTION UNION WAGE RATE INDEX December 1999
Statistics Canada Cat. No. 62-007-XPB

In Canada December 1999, the construction union wage rate index (1992=100) remained unchanged at 114.8 over December 1998.

RAIL IN CANADA 1998
Statistics Canada Cat. No. 52-216-XIB

In Canada 1998, railway operating revenues declined -4.0% to $7.6 billion over 1997. Operating

expenses increased +3.1% to $6.9 billion. Total length of track (CN, CP, Via) declined to 59,334 kilometres from 63,107 kilometers in 1997. Short-haul carrier total length of track increased to 13,929 kilometres from 11,745 kilometres in 1997. Employment in the railway industry declined -2.5% (45,000 jobs) in 1998.

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Subject: Manufacturing; Travel; Innovation

MONTHLY SURVEY OF MANUFACTURING November 1999
Statistics Canada Cat. No. 31-001-XPB

In Canada November 1999, manufacturers shipments increased (seasonally adjusted) +1.8% to $42.6 billion over October 1999, and increased +9.3% over November 1998.

Inventories increased +0.5% to $55.2 billion over October 1999, and increased +6.8% over November 1998.

Unfilled orders declined -0.4% to $53.9 billion over October 1999, and increased +5.5% over November 1998.

New orders declined -0.4% to $42.3 billion over October 1999, and increased +9.8% over November 1998.

The inventories to shipments ratio declined to 1.30 from 1.31 in October 1999, and from 1.33 in November 1998.

In Nova Scotia November 1999 manufacturers shipments (seasonally adjusted) increased +1.1% to $692 million over October 1999.

TRAVEL BETWEEN CANADA AND OTHER COUNTRIES November 1999
Statistics Canada Cat. No. 66-001-PPB

In November 1999, Canadian trips abroad (seasonally adjusted) increased +1.7% to 4.0 million trips over October 1999. Trips abroad (unadjusted) increased +6.6% to 3.5 million trips over November 1998.

In November 1999, foreign travel to Canada (seasonally adjusted) increased +3.3% to 4.2 million trips over October 1999. Foreign travel to Canada (unadjusted) increased +0.6% to 3.1 million trips over November 1998.

INNOVATION IN DYNAMIC SERVICE INDUSTRIES 1996
Statistics Canada Cat. No. 88-516-XIE
http://www.statcan.ca/english/research/11F0019MIE/00127.pdf

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details at http://www.gov.ns.ca/fina/publish/pub23.htm

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Subject: Int'l Merchandise Trade; Tobacco use

CANADIAN INTERNATIONAL MERCHANDISE TRADE November 1999
Statistics Canada Cat. No. 65-001-XPB

In Canada November 1999, international merchandise trade exports (seasonally adjusted) increased +1.4% to $31.4 billion over October 1999, and increased +10.5% over November 1998. Year-to-date exports increased +11.7% to $328.4 billion over Jan-Nov 1998.

In Canada November 1999, international merchandise trade imports (seasonally adjusted) declined -0.2% to $28.2 billion over October 1999, and increased +6.1% over November 1998. Year-to-date imports (seasonally adjusted) increased +7.7% to $297.8 billion over Jan-Nov 1998.

In Canada November 1999, the international merchandise balance of trade surplus stood at $3.1 billion. The year-to-date balance of trade surplus stood at $30.6 billion.

In Nova Scotia October 1999, international merchandise trade exports increased +7.7% to $340.2 million over September 1999, and increased +13.8% over October 1998. Year-to-date exports increased +15.1% to $2.8 billion over Jan-Oct 1998.

In Nova Scotia October 1999, international merchandise trade declined -19.8% to $362.9 million over September 1999, and declined -18.7% over October 1998. Year-to-date imports declined -16.1% to $3.7 billion over Jan-Oct 1998.

TOBACCO USE 1999
http://www.hc-sc.gc.ca/english/tobacco.htm

In Canada 1999, the number of smoker's age 15+ declined to 25% of the population (6.1 million people). An estimated 84,000 people started smoking while 387,000 quit.

In 1999, cigarette consumption per smoker declined to 17.0 cigarettes per day, from 18.4 per day in 1990.

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Subject: CPI Dec 99

CONSUMER PRICE INDEX December 1999
Statistics Canada Cat. No. 62-001-XPB

In Canada December 1999, the consumer price index all-items, not seasonally adjusted (1992=100), increased +0.1% to 111.5 over November 1999, and increased +2.6% over December 1998. In Canada 1999, annual average CPI increased by +1.7%..

In Nova Scotia December 1999, the consumer price index, all items, not seasonally adjusted (1992=100) remained unchanged at 112.0 over November 1999, and increased +3.3% over December 1998. In Nova Scotia 1999, the annual average CPI increased by +1.7%..

also: http://www.gov.ns.ca/fina/stats.div/brief/prices.htm
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WHOLESALE TRADE November 1999
Statistics Canada Cat. No. 63-008-XIB

In Canada November 1999, wholesale merchants' sales (seasonally adjusted) increased +1.3% to $31.4 billion over October 1999, and increased +11.3% over November 1998. Wholesale merchants' inventories (seasonally adjusted) increased +0.6% to $41.9 billion over October 1999, and increased +3.0% over November 1998.

In Nova Scotia November 1999, wholesale merchants' sales (seasonally adjusted) declined -2.9% to $546 million over October 1999, and increased +4.5% over November 1998.

CANADA'S INTERNATIONAL TRANSACTIONS IN SECURITIES November 1999
Statistics Canada Cat. NO. 67-002-XIB

In Canada November 1999, net foreign investment in Canadian securities was an inflow of +$6.8 billion. Year-to-date net foreign investment in Canadian securities was an inflow of +$11.5 billion.

In Canada November 1999, net Canadian investment in foreign securities was an outflow of -$5.9 billion. Year-to-date net Canadian investment in foreign securities was an outflow of -$17.5billion.

Note: Outflow indicates an outflow of money from Canada - either Canadians investing abroad, or foreigners withdrawing assets. Inflow indicates an inflow of money into Canada - either Canadians withdrawing assets from abroad or foreigners investing in Canada.

NATURAL GAS SALES November 1999
Statistics Canada Cat. NO. 55-002-XPB

In Canada November 1999, natural gas sales declined -11.4% to 5.5 billion cubic metres over November 1998. Year-to-date sales increased +1.5% to 57.6 billion cubic metres over Jan-Nov 1998.

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INNOVATION IN SMALL FIRMS IN BUSINESS SERVICE INDUSTRIES 1996
Statistics Canada Cat. No. 11F0019MPE No. 143
http://www.statcan.ca/english/research/11F0019MIE/00143.pdf

In Canada 1996, forty percent of single-unit establishments within the business services sector (computer and related services, engineering, and other scientific and technical services) that have less than 50 employees, are self-identified as innovators. Among these businesses, 81% reported product innovation, 46% process innovation and 33% organizational innovation.

Fifty-seven percent of innovators also report engaging directly in research and development as a primary source of innovative ideas.

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Subject: Composite Index; Retail Trade; EI; Oil and Gas

COMPOSITE INDEX December 1999
Statistics Canada Cat. No. 11-010-XPB

In Canada December1999, the composite leading indicator (1981=100) increased +0.5% to 219.6 over November 1999.

Seven of ten indices were positive.
Business and personal services employment increased +0.4% to 2.3 million.
The TSE 300 stock price index (1975=1000) increased +3.2% to 7,391.
The money supply (M1 1981$) increased +1.3% to $42.6 billion.
The US composite leading indicator (1967=100) increased +0.1% to 230.9
New orders, durables (1981$) increased +1.2% to $17.4 billion.
Furniture and appliances sales (1981$) increased +0.8% to $1.5 billion.
Other durable goods sales (1981$) increased +0.2% to $4.9 billion

Two of ten indices were negative.
The housing index (1981=100) declined -0.4% to 134.4.
The average workweek (manufacturing) declined -0.5% to 38.2 hours.

One of ten indices was unchanged
The shipments to inventories of finished goods ratio remained unchanged at 1.74.

RETAIL TRADE November 1999
Statistics Canada Cat. No. 63-005-XPB

In Canada November 1999, retail trade sales (seasonally adjusted) increased +0.6% to $22.0 billion over October1999, and increased +6.1% over November 1998.

In Nova Scotia November 1999, retail trade sales (seasonally adjusted) remained unchanged at $681 million over October 1999, and increased +5.4% over November 1998.

EMPLOYMENT INSURANCE November 1999
Statistics Canada

In Canada November 1999, the number of beneficiaries receiving regular benefits declined -2.8% to 501,159 over October 1999, and declined -7.9% over November 1998.

In Nova Scotia November 1999, the number of beneficiaries receiving regular benefits declined -1.1% to 29,450 over October 1999, and declined -1.5% over November 1998.

OIL AND GAS EXTRACTION 1999
Statistics Canada

In Canada 1999, the volume of crude oil extracted declined -4.6% to 122.5 million cubic metres and the value increased +46.0% to $18.9 billion over 1998.

In Canada 1999, the volume of natural gas extracted increased +1.8% to 163.4 million cubic metres and the value increased +25.7% to $13.7 billion over 1998.

In Canada 1999, the volume of natural gas by-products declined -2.2% to 26.1 million cubic metres and the value increased +33.1% to $2.3 billion over 1998.

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Subject: Earnings; Coal Production

EMPLOYMENT, EARNINGS AND HOURS November 1999
Statistics Canada Cat. No. 72-002-XPB

In Canada November 1999, average weekly earnings (seasonally adjusted) increased +0.4% to $616.04 over October 1999, and increased +1.5% over November 1998. Employment increased +0.5% to 11.9 million over October 1999.

In Nova Scotia November 1999, average weekly earnings (seasonally adjusted) increased +0.2% to $519.49 over October 1999, and increased +1.3% over November 1998. Employment increased +1.2% to 334,000 over October 1999.

COAL PRODUCTION 1999

In Canada 1999, coal production declined to 72.3 million metric tonnes from 75.4 million metric tonnes in 1998. The value of coal produced declined to $1.5 billion from $1.8 billion in 1998.

In Nova Scotia 1999, coal production declined to 1.6 million metric tonnes from 2.1 million metric tonnes in 1998. The value of coal produced declined to $101.1 million from $129.6 million in 1998.

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The Statistics Division, Nova Scotia Department of Finance is pleased to announce the release of The Nova Scotia Statistical Review 1999. See
http://www.gov.ns.ca/finance/publish/pub21.htm

INDUSTRIAL PRODUCT PRICE INDEX December 1999
Statistics Canada Cat. No. 62-011-XPB

In Canada December 1999, the industrial product price index (1992=100) increased +0.6% to 124.1 over November 1999, and increased +3.9% over December 1998.

RAW MATERIALS PRICE INDEX December 1999
Statistics Canada Cat. No. 62-0111-XPB

In Canada December 1999, the raw materials price index (1992=100) increased +3.6% to 134.0 over November 1999, and increased +33.9% over December 1998.

In Canada December 1999, the RMPI **excluding mineral fuels** (1992=100) increased +1.7% to 120.9 over November 1999, and increased +6.8% over December 1998.

CRUDE OIL AND NATURAL GAS November 1999
Statistics Canada Cat. No. 26-006-XPB

In Canada November 1999, crude oil production increased +1.4% to 10.5 million cubic metres over November 1998. Year-to-date crude oil production declined -5.4% to 111.4 million cubic metres over Jan-Nov 1998.

In Canada November 1999, natural gas production increased +).5% to 13.5 billion cubic metres over November 1998. Year-to-date natural gas production increased +1.3% to 148.0 billion cubic metres over Jan-Nov 1998.

MONTHLY SURVEY OF LARGE RETAILERS November 1999

In Canada November 1999, sales by the group of large retailers (unadjusted) increased +5.7% to $6.9 billion over October 1999, and increased +4.4% over November 1998.

LOCAL GOVERNMENT FINANCE: ASSETS AND LIABILITIES December 31, 1997
Financial Management System Basis

In Canada December 31, 1997, the net debt (excess of liabilities over financial assets) declined -2.4% to $20.5 billion over December 31, 1996.

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GROSS DOMESTIC PRODUCT BY INDUSTRY AT FACTOR COST November 1999
Statistics Canada Cat. No. 15-001-XPB

In Canada November 1999, GDP at factor cost (seasonally adjusted) at 1992 prices, increased +0.6% to $760.9 billion (annualized) over October 1999, and increased +4.3% over November 1998.

GDP in goods-producing industries increased +0.8% to $254.6 billion over October 1999, and increased +5.8% over November 1998.

GDP in service-producing industries increased +0.5% to $506.3 billion over October 1999, and increased +3.6% over November 1998.

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Subject: Business Conditions; Labour Force

QUARTERLY BUSINESS CONDITIONS
SURVEY: MANUFACTURING INDUSTRIES January 2000

In Canada January 2000, manufacturers (47%) expect that during the next three months the volume of production will remain about the same as the last three months and an additional 39% believe that volume will increase.

Orders received by 62% of manufacturers are expected to be about the same as the last quarter, with 29% are expecting increases and 9% declines. 81% consider the present backlog of unfilled orders as about normal, 11%, higher than normal and 8% lower than normal. Most respondents (84%) believe the finished product inventory to be about right while 6% consider levels to be too low, and 10% believe they are too high. 72% believe that employment during the next three months will change little, 17% expect an increase and 11% a decrease.

Most manufacturers (88%) do not foresee any production difficulties. A small number (6%) think that they may experience a skilled labour shortage. 2% expect a working capital shortage and 2% a raw material shortage.

LABOUR FORCE UPDATE: OVERVIEW 1999

In Canada 1999, the number of Canadians working increased +3.0% or by 427,000. Total employment reached 14.7 million or 61% of the working-age population.

In Canada 1999, the number of jobless declined -15% or by 191,000. The unemployment rate declined to 6.8% in December from 8.1% in January.

Employment in the private sector increased +3.2% or by 290,000; self-employment increased +1.9% or by 46,000; and employment in the public sector increased +3.4% or by 91,000.

Full-time employment increased +4.4% or by 511,000, while part-time employment declined -3.1% or by 84,000. The average full-time wage increased +2.6% to $17.16 per hour. Part-time wage rate averaged $11.44 per hour.

(Report available shortly at
http://www.statcan.ca/english/indepth/71-005/feature/lf2000_v04n1_win_pre_hi.htm

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SURVEY OF INNOVATION

In Canada 1997-1999, 80.7% of firms in manufacturing industries innovated (68.7% product innovation and 66.0% process innovation), and, 40.9% of firms in natural resource industries innovated (28.3% product innovation; 32.6% process innovation).

HELP-WANTED INDEX January 2000

In Canada January 2000, the help-wanted index (1996=100), seasonally adjusted, increased +2.4% to 168 over December 1999, and increased +13.5% over January 1999.

In Nova Scotia January 2000, the help-wanted index (1996=100), seasonally adjusted, remained unchanged at 167 over December 1999, and increased +7.1% over January 1999.

FIELD CROPS: GRAIN 1999
Statistics Canada Cat. No. 22-002-XPB

In Canada 1999, the total stocks of wheat increased +11% to 22.7 million tonnes over 1998.

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Subject: Short Term Expectations

SHORT TERM EXPECTATIONS

Every month Statistics Canada canvasses a group of economic analysts for forecasts of key economic indicators. Results attached.

The forecast for March 2000;

Consumer Price Index percentage increase (yr/yr) is	+2.4%
Unemployment rate seasonally adjusted	6.9%
Labour force participation seasonally adjusted	65.6%

The forecast for February 2000

Exports ($billions)	$31.6
Imports ($billions)	$28.3

The forecast for January 2000

GDP at FC $1992 (mth/mth) percent increase	+0.2%

In December 1999 the survey results forecast CPI to increase +2.4% while the actual was +2.6%; the unemployment rate was forecast to be 7.5%, and the actual was 6.9%; labour force participation rate was forecast to be 65.6%, while the actual was 65.6%.

In November 1999 the survey results forecast exports to be $31.6 billion, while the actual was $31.4 billion; imports were forecast to be $27.8 billion, while the actual was $28.2 billion; GDP to increase +0.4%, while the actual was +0.6%.

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STATISTICS ON RESULTS OF THE SHORT TERM EXPECTATIONS SURVEY
STATISTIQUES SUR LES RÉSULTATS DE L'ENQUÊTE SUR LES ANTICIPATIONS À COURT TERME

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Cansim	Consumer Price Index	98/09	1.2	1.1	0.9	0.6	1.0	0.7
9940	Indices des prix à la	98/10	1.1	1.0	0.8	0.6	1.0	1.0
Serie	consommation	98/11	1.1	0.9	1.1	0.8	1.3	1.2
P100000	% year/year	98/12	1.0	1.2	1.3	1.1	1.5	1.0
		99/01	1.1	1.2	1.0	0.6	1.1	0.6
		99/02	1.2	1.1	0.7	0.5	1.0	0.7
		99/03	1.1	0.8	0.7	0.3	0.9	1.0
		99/04	0.9	0.8	1.1	0.5	1.2	1.7
		99/05	0.8	0.9	1.5	1.2	1.8	1.6
		99/06	1.0	1.5	1.5	1.3	1.6	1.6
		99/07	1.5	1.5	1.7	1.4	2.0	1.8
		99/08	1.6	1.7	1.8	1.6	2.1	2.1
		99/09	1.9	1.9	2.1	1.7	2.5	2.6
		99/10	1.9	2.0	2.5	2.3	2.5	2.3
		99/11	2.1	2.4	2.3	2.1	2.6	2.2
		99/12	2.4	2.3	2.3	2.1	2.7	2.6
		00/01	2.2	2.3	2.6	2.2	2.8	
		00/02	2.2	2.5		2.1	2.9	
		00/03	2.4			2.0	2.8	
Cansim	Unemployment	98/09	8.4	8.4	8.4	8.3	8.5	8.3
3451	Chômage	98/10	8.5	8.4	8.4	8.3	9.1	8.0
Serie	% (S.A.)	98/11	8.5	8.5	8.2	8.0	8.5	8.0
D980745		98/12	8.5	8.2	8.0	7.8	8.5	8.0
		99/01	8.3	8.3	8.1	7.9	8.2	7.8
		99/02	8.3	8.1	7.7	6.4	8.0	7.8
		99/03	8.1	7.9	7.8	7.7	7.9	7.8
		99/04	7.9	7.8	7.8	7.7	8.0	8.3
		99/05	7.8	7.8	8.1	8.0	8.3	8.1
		99/06	7.7	8.0	8.1	8.0	8.3	7.6
		99/07	8.0	8.1	7.7	7.5	8.0	7.7
		99/08	8.1	7.8	7.7	7.6	7.8	7.8
		99/09	7.8	7.7	7.8	7.6	7.9	7.5
		99/10	7.7	7.7	7.5	7.5	7.6	7.2
		99/11	7.7	7.5	7.3	7.2	7.4	6.9
		99/12	7.5	7.3	7.0	6.8	7.1	6.9
		00/01	7.3	7.0	7.0	6.8	7.1	
		00/02	7.0	7.0		6.8	7.2	
		00/03	6.9			6.7	7.3	
Cansim	Labour Force	98/09	65.0	65.0	64.9	64.8	65.0	65.2
3451	participation rate	98/10	64.9	64.9	65.1	64.6	65.4	65.3
Serie	Taux de participation -	98/11	64.9	65.1	65.2	65.0	65.6	65.5
D980778	population active	98/12	65.0	65.2	65.5	65.0	65.8	65.6
	% (S.A.)	99/01	65.1	65.4	65.6	65.4	65.7	65.8
		99/02	65.3	65.6	65.7	65.0	66.0	65.8
		99/03	65.5	65.7	65.8	65.8	65.9	65.6
		99/04	65.7	65.9	65.7	65.6	65.9	66.0
		99/05	65.9	65.8	65.9	65.5	66.1	65.7
		99/06	65.8	65.9	65.9	65.7	66.0	65.3
		99/07	65.9	66.0	65.5	65.3	65.7	65.4
		99/08	66.0	65.6	65.5	65.4	65.7	65.4
		99/09	65.6	65.6	65.5	65.3	65.6	65.4
		99/10	65.7	65.5	65.4	65.4	65.5	65.5
		99/11	65.6	65.5	65.5	65.3	65.7	65.5
		99/12	65.6	65.6	65.6	65.4	65.7	65.6
		00/01	65.5	65.6	65.6	65.3	65.8	
		00/02	65.6	65.6		65.3	65.8	
		00/03	65.6			65.2	65.8	

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Cansim	**Exports**	98/09	26.7	25.7	27.1	26.0	28.0	27.2	27.7
3685	**Exportations**	98/10	25.7	27.0	27.1	26.5	27.6	28.5	28.4
Serie	billions $	98/11	26.9	27.2	28.2	27.0	29.0	28.4	28.4
D399449		98/12	27.1	28.2	28.0	26.0	28.9	28.3	28.3
		99/01	28.0	27.9	28.2	27.8	28.6	28.9	28.8
		99/02	27.9	28.2	28.8	28.1	29.2	28.7	28.6
		99/03	28.2	28.8	28.8	28.4	29.1	29.0	28.8
		99/04	29.0	28.8	28.5	25.8	29.2	28.7	28.8
		99/05	28.8	28.9	29.0	28.7	29.1	28.9	29.1
		99/06	29.0	28.9	28.9	28.5	29.3	29.4	29.6
		99/07	28.9	29.0	29.3	28.5	30.0	30.0	30.4
		99/08	29.0	29.4	30.1	29.8	30.6	31.2	31.4
		99/09	29.6	30.3	31.3	31.0	32.0	30.3	30.7
		99/10	30.5	31.5	30.8	30.5	31.3	30.7	30.9
		99/11	31.6	30.8	30.9	30.6	31.1	31.4	31.4
		99/12	30.9	31.0	31.5	31.0	32.0		
		00/01	31.0	31.6		31.0	32.5		
		00/02	31.6			30.8	33.0		
Cansim	**Imports**	98/09	24.4	24.3	25.1	24.0	25.6	25.6	25.9
3651	**Importations**	98/10	24.3	25.1	25.4	24.9	25.9	26.5	26.7
Serie	billions $	98/11	25.0	25.4	26.3	25.0	27.1	26.5	26.8
D397990		98/12	25.5	26.4	26.2	25.0	27.0	26.8	26.8
		99/01	26.3	26.2	26.6	26.0	27.0	26.2	26.1
		99/02	26.2	26.6	26.3	25.0	26.6	26.1	26.4
		99/03	26.5	26.4	26.2	26.0	26.6	26.4	26.4
		99/04	26.5	26.3	26.5	26.2	26.9	26.3	26.5
		99/05	26.2	26.5	26.4	26.3	26.5	26.5	26.6
		99/06	26.6	26.4	26.4	26.0	26.6	26.6	26.8
		99/07	26.7	26.4	26.7	26.5	27.1	26.9	27.0
		99/08	26.5	26.7	27.0	26.8	27.3	27.6	27.7
		99/09	27.1	27.1	27.6	27.0	27.9	27.8	27.8
		99/10	27.3	27.8	27.8	27.1	28.0	28.0	28.3
		99/11	27.8	27.8	28.0	27.3	28.5	28.2	28.2
		99/12	27.9	28.1	28.3	27.4	29.0		
		00/01	28.1	28.2		27.5	28.5		
		00/02	28.3			28.0	28.6		
Cansim	**Gross Domestic**	98/08	0.5	0.2	0.1	-0.1	0.6	0.7	0.8
4680	**Product (at factor**	98/09	0.1	0.0	0.3	-0.2	0.5	0.1	0.1
Serie	**cost by industry)**	98/10	0.1	0.2	0.3	-0.2	0.6	0.2	0.4
I56001	**Produit intérieur brut**	98/11	0.1	0.1	0.1	-0.3	0.3	0.4	0.5
	(au coût des facteurs	98/12	0.2	0.2	0.2	-0.2	0.6	0.4	0.5
	par industrie)	99/01	0.1	0.2	0.4	0.2	0.6	0.2	0.4
	(S.A.) constant 1992 $	99/02	0.1	0.3	0.2	0.0	0.3	0.1	0.2
	% month/month)	99/03	0.3	0.3	0.2	0.1	0.5	0.3	0.4
		99/04	0.3	0.2	0.2	-0.1	0.4	0.3	0.2
		99/05	0.2	0.2	0.2	-0.1	0.4	0.3	0.3
		99/06	0.2	0.3	0.3	0.1	0.6	0.3	0.3
		99/07	0.3	0.3	0.3	0.2	0.6	0.4	0.6
		99/08	0.2	0.3	0.4	0.3	0.6	0.5	0.4
		99/09	0.3	0.3	0.4	0.2	0.5	0.2	0.2
		99/10	0.3	0.3	0.3	0.2	0.4	0.1	0.1
		99/11	0.4	0.3	0.2	0.0	0.3	0.6	0.6
		99/12	0.3	0.2		0.1	0.5		
		00/01	0.2			0.0	0.3		

From: Doug McCann
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ESTIMATES OF LABOUR INCOME November 1999
Statistics Canada Cat. No. 13F0016XPB

In Canada November 1999, total labour income (seasonally adjusted) increased +0.7% to $41.8 billion over October 1999.

CONSOLIDATED GOVERNMENT FINANCE: ASSETS AND LIABILITIES
March 31, 1998
Financial Management System

In Canada March 31, 1998, the consolidated net debt (excess of liabilities over financial assets) of the federal, provincial, territorial and local governments declined -0,4% ($3.5 billion) to $847.6 billion over March 31, 1997. As a percentage of GDP, the consolidated net debt declined to 95.2% of GDP from 98.8% of GDP in 1997. Per capita net debt declined to $28,051 from $28,455 in 1997.

FILM AND VIDEO DISTRIBUTION 1997-98
Statistics Canada Cat. No. 87F0010XPE, 87-211-XPB, 87-211-XIB

In Canada 1997-98, total film, video audio-visual distribution and videocassette wholesaling revenues increased 12.5% to $1.8 billion over the same period three years earlier (1994-95). Expenses increased +9.6% to $1.5 billion over 1994-95. Profit (% of total revenue increased to 18.4% from 16.2% in 1994-97.

BUSINESS STATISTICS, 1998 Edition

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NOVA SCOTIA AT A GLANCE, 1999 Edition

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LABOUR FORCE SURVEY October 1999
Statistics Canada Cat. No. 71-001-PPB

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http://www.gov.ns.ca/fina/statisti/emp/empl1.htm

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Seasonally Adjusted
(month over month)
In Canada January 2000, labour force increased +0.3% to 15.9 million, employment increased +0.3% to 14.8 million, unemployment increased +0.2% to 1.1 million, and the unemployment rate remained unchanged at 6.8% over December 1999.

In Nova Scotia January 2000, labour force increased +1.0% to 462,500, employment increased +0.9% to 417,500, unemployment increased +2.0% to 45,000 and the unemployment rate increased +0.1 percentage points to 9.7% over December 1999.

Unadjusted
(year over year)
In Canada January 2000, labour force increased +1.5% to 15.5 million, employment increased +2.9% to 14.4 million, unemployment declined -13.2% to 1.1 million, and the unemployment rate declined -1.3 percentage points to 7.3% over January 1999.

In Nova Scotia January 2000, labour force increased +3.7% to 449,300, employment increased + 3.5% to 402,800, unemployment increased +5.7% to 46,600 and the unemployment rate declined -0.2 percentage points to 10.4% over January 1999.

SPECIAL NOTE

Important news regarding the Labour Force Survey

The Labour Force Survey (LFS) has undergone extensive revisions to reflect two important changes to the production of labour market data. As a result, all LFS estimates have been revised back to January 1976. This report uses these revised data. For more information on these revisions, refer to "Improvements in 2000 to the LFS" on Statistics Canada's Web site (www.statcan.ca).

The new revised data, which are now available on CANSIM, must be used to make historical comparisons of LFS estimates. Before obtaining any data from CANSIM, please read the "Revised historical Labour Force Survey data" communiqué at www.statcan.ca. As well, on February 1, Statistics

Canada released an "Overview of the 1999 labour market". This article complements today's release by providing an in-depth analysis of trends in 1999 according to the newly revised numbers. A copy of this paper from the Labour force update is now available at www.statcan.ca under In depth.

To harmonize with other Statistics Canada data sources, the LFS recently introduced a new definition of the public and private sectors. As a result, the estimates of public employment which are not seasonally adjusted are somewhat underestimated prior to May 1999. To better reflect real changes in public and private sector employment, and to avoid a break in the series, the historical seasonally adjusted series have been modified. In addition, the annual averages available on CANSIM have been calculated using the "modified" seasonally adjusted data instead of the unadjusted data.

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BUILDING PERMITS December 1999
Statistics Canada Cat. No. 64-001-XIB

In Canada December 1999, the value of building permits (seasonally adjusted) increased +9.4% to $3.5 billion over November 1999. Year-to-date, the value of building permits increased +8.4% to $36 billion over 1998.

In Nova Scotia December 1999, the value of building permits (seasonally adjusted) declined -38.1% to $60.2 million over November 1999. Year-to-date, the value of building permits increased +42.9% to $910.4 million over 1998.

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DOMESTIC SALES OF REFINED PETROLEUM PRODUCTS
December 1999

In Canada December 1999, the sale of refined petroleum products increased +2.9% to 8.1 million cubic metres over December 1998. Year-to-date sales increased +1.3% to 93.6 million cubic metres over 1998.

NON-RESIDENTIAL BUILDING CONSTRUCTION PRICE INDEXES 4th QUARTER 1999
Statistics Canada Cat. No. 62-007-XPB

In Canada 4th quarter 1999, the non-residential building construction price composite index (1992=10υ) increased +0.6% to 115.4 over the 3rd quarter 1999, and increased +2.1% over the 4th quarter 1998.

In Halifax 4th quarter 1999, the non-residential building construction price index (1992=100) increased +0.2% to 106.8 over the 3rd quarter 1999, and increased +1.5% over the 4th quarter 1998.

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APARTMENT BUILDING CONSTRUCTION PRICE INDEX 4TH QUARTER 1999
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In Canada 4th quarter 1999, the apartment building construction price composite index (1992=100) increased +0.5% to 114.3 over the 3rd quarter 1999, and increased +1.9% over the 4th quarter 1998.

In Halifax 4th quarter 1999, the apartment building construction price index increased +0.2% to 108.7 over the 3rd quarter 1999, and increased +2.1% over the 4th quarter 1998.

FULL-TIME ENROLLMENT IN TRADE/VOCATIONAL AND PREPARATORY TRAINING 1996/97

In Canada 1996/97, full-time enrollment in Trade/Vocational programs and courses (excluding special or contract training) declined -10.7% to 136,110 over 1995/96. Full-time enrollment in preparatory training programs and courses (academic upgrading, language training, job readiness, orientation) increased +15.5% to 79,481. In total, 261,394 students were enrolled, representing 40% of all enrollments in full-time college programs and courses.

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NEW HOUSING PRICE INDEX December 1999
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In Canada December 1999, the new housing price index (1992=100) increased +0.2% to 102.0 over November 1999, and increased +1.7% over December 1998.

In Halifax December 1999, the new housing price index (1992=100) remained unchanged at 113.4 over November 1999, and increased +4.6% over December 1998.

RRSPs IN THE 1990s
Statistics Canada Cat. No. 75-001-XPE
http://www.statcan.ca/english/indepth/75-001/feature/pe2000_v12n1_spr_a01.pdf

In Canada 1997, normal RRSP contributions (1997 constant $) increased +2.6% to $24.1 billion over 1996, and increased +78.5% over 1991. Participation rate of taxfilers (20.7 million) increased to 36.4% from 35.8% in 1996 (32.1% in 1991). Average contribution increased to $3,936 from $3,869 in 1996 ($3,005 in 1991).

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MACHINERY AND EQUIPMENT PRICE INDEX 4TH QUARTER 1999
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In Canada 4th quarter 1999, the machinery and equipment price index (1986=100) increased +0.4% to 132.1 over the 3rd quarter 1999, and declined -1.1% over the 4th quarter 1998.

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AVERAGE INCOME 1989 to 1997
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In Canada 1989 to 1997, the average total income of economic families (2+ persons) expressed in constant 1997 dollars, declined from $59,662 in 1989 to $59,115 in 1997. The average total income of unattached individuals, expressed in constant 1997 dollars, declined from $25,990 in 1989 to $24,745 in 1997.

In Canada 1989 to 1997, the low income rate (incidence of low income) increased from 14.1% in 1989 to 18.2% in 1997.

In Nova Scotia 1989 to 1997, the average total income of economic families (2+ persons) expressed in constant 1997 dollars, declined from $51,366 in 1989 to $48,044 in 1997. The average total income of unattached individuals, expressed in constant 1997 dollars, declined from $20,806 in 1989 to $19,458 in 1997.

In Nova Scotia 1989 to 1997, the low income rate (incidence of low income) increased from 15.4% in 1989 to 19.2% in 1997.

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MONTHLY SURVEY OF MANUFACTURING December 1999
Statistics Canada Cat. No. 31-001-XPB

In Canada December 1999, manufacturer's shipments (seasonally adjusted) increased +1.3% to $43.2 billion over November 1999, and increased +9.7% over December 1998.

Inventories (seasonally adjusted) increased +0.3% to $55.5 billion over November 1999, and increased +8.4% over December 1998

Unfilled orders (seasonally adjusted) increased +2.2% to $55.2 billion over November 1999, and increased +8.2% over December 1998.

New orders (seasonally adjusted) increased +4.8% to $44.4 billion over November 1999, and increased +13.1% over December 1998.

The inventories to shipments ratio declined to 1.29 from 1.30 in November 1999, and 1.30 in December 1998.

In Nova Scotia December 1999, manufacturer's shipments (seasonally adjusted) increased +2.3% to $713 million over November 1999.

PASSENGER BUS INDUSTRY FIRST HALF 1999

In Canada 1st half 1999, total revenue (excluding urban transit subsidies) increased +0.6% to $1.6 billion over the 1st half 1998. Total expenditures declined -0.2% to $2.4 billion in the same period. Total intercity passengers declined -5.4% to 6.6 million.

In Canada 1st half 1999, total revenue for urban transit companies (excluding subsidies) increased +1.7% to $919 million over 1st half 1998. Total expenditures increased +0.4% to $1.7 billion. Total passengers increased +0.6% to 718 million.

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NEW MOTOR VEHICLES SALES December 1999
Statistics Canada Cat. No. 63-007-XIE

In Canada December 1999, new motor vehicle unit sales (seasonally adjusted) increased +8.5% to 144,006 units over November 1999, and increased +21.9% over December 1998.

In Canada December 1999, new motor vehicle unit sales (unadjusted) increased +22.4% to 132,561 units over November 1999.

In Canada 1999, annual sales of motor vehicles increased +7.9% to 1.5 million units over 1998.

In Nova Scotia 1999, annual sales of motor vehicle increased +7.4% to 43,374 units over 1998.

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FAILURE RATES FOR NEW FIRMS 1984 to 1994
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In Canada 1984 to 1994, about 69% of all new firms survived their first year of operation. About 31% survived five years and about 17% ten years.

In Atlantic Canada 1984 to 1994, about 61% of new firms survived their first year of operation. About 27% survived five years, and about 15% ten years.

In Nova Scotia 1984 to 1995, about 65% of new firms survived their first year of operation. About 29% survived five years, and about 16% ten years.

REPORT ON SMOKING PREVALENCE 1985 to 1999
Statistics Canada Cat. No. 82F0077XIE

In Canada 1999, smoking among Canadians aged 15+ declined 10.3 percentage points over 1984. (from 35.1% to 24.8%)

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Subject: Livestock; Foreign Travel

LIVESTOCK ESTIMATES January 1, 2000
Statistics Canada Cat. No. 23-603-UPE

In Canada January 1, 2000, the cattle herd declined -1.7% to 12.7 million, the number of hogs declined -1.2% to 12.3 million head, and the sheep herd increased +4.1% to 684,000 over January 1, 1999.

In Atlantic Canada January 1, 2000, the cattle herd declined -1.9% to 302,000, the number of hogs remained unchanged at 31,000 head, and the sheep herd increased +3.2% to 32,000 over January 1, 1999.

TRAVEL BETWEEN CANADA AND OTHER COUNTRIES December 1999
Statistics Canada Cat. No. 66-001-ppb

In Canada December 1999, the number of trips (seasonally adjusted) by Canadians abroad declined -2.7% to 3.9 million trips over November 1999, and the number of trips (unadjusted) increased +3.3% to 3.3 million over December 1998. Year-to-date trips declined -1.1% to 46.4 million trips over Jan-Dec 1998.

In Canada December 1999, the number of trips (seasonally adjusted) by foreigners to Canada declined -4.9% to 4.1 million trips over November 1999, and the number of trips (unadjusted) declined -4.9% to 3.1 million over December 1998. Year-to-date trips increased +2.1% to 49.1 million over Jan-Dec 1998.

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CANADIAN INTERNATIONAL MERCHANDISE TRADE December 1999
Statistics Canada Cat. No. 65-001-XPB

In Canada December 1999, international merchandise trade exports (seasonally adjusted) increased +1.4% to $31.9 billion over November 1999, and increased +12.9% over December1998. Year-to-date exports increased +11.9% to $360.6 billion over Jan-Dec 1998.

In Canada December 1999, international merchandise trade imports (seasonally adjusted) increased +3.2% to $29.2 billion over November 1999, and increased +8.9% over December 1998. Year-to-date imports (seasonally adjusted) increased +7.7% to $326.7 billion over Jan-Dec 1998.

In Canada December 1999, the international merchandise balance of trade surplus stood at $2.7 billion. The year-to-date balance of trade surplus stood at $33.9 billion.

In Nova Scotia November 1999, international merchandise trade exports increased +5.2% to $359.6 million over October 1999, and increased +12..9% over November 1998. Year-to-date exports increased +14.9% to $3.6 billion over Jan-Nov 1998.

In Nova Scotia November 1999, international merchandise trade increased +-23.7% to $449.6 million over October 1999, and declined -18.7% over November 1998. Year-to-date imports declined -14.3% to $4.1 billion over Jan-Nov 1998.

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EDUCATION INDICATORS 1999
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Education levels
In Canada 1998, the percentage of people aged 25-54 with less than high school education declined to 18% from 27% in 1990. The number of individuals aged 25 to 54 with a university degree increased to 23% from 18% in 1990.

In Nova Scotia 1998, the percentage of people aged 25 to 54 with less than high school education declined to 22% from 30% in 1990. The number of individuals aged 25 to 54 with a university degree increased to 21% from 17% in 1990.

Internet use
In Canada 1999, the percentage of students who retrieved information from the world wide web was - elementary students 76%; junior high students 80%; senior high students 87%. The percentage of students who disseminated information to the world wide web was - elementary students 33%; junior high students 31%; senior high students 39%.

In Nova Scotia 1999, the percentage of students who retrieved information from the world wide web was - elementary students 69%; junior high students 74%; senior high students 91%. The percentage of students who disseminated information to the world wide web was - elementary students 29%; junior high students 44%; senior high students 41%.

Full-time university faculty
In Canada 1997-98, the average salary (1997$) of full-time university faculty increased to $56,020 from $55,982 in 1987-88. The number of full-time faculty declined to 33,925 from 34,651 in 1987-88.

In Nova Scotia 1997-98, the average salary (1997$) of full-time university faculty declined to $50,855 from $51,671 in 1987-88. The number of full-time faculty declined to 1,973 from 1,910 in 1987-88.

Expenditure on education
In Canada 1998-99, education expenditure per capita, in constant $1998, declined to $1,996 from $2,005 in 1988-89.

In Nova Scotia 1998-99, education expenditure per capita, in constant $1998, declined to $1,738 from $1,887 in 1988-89.

Student loans
In Canada 1995, the percentage of college and university students who borrowed from student loan programs increased to 48% from 46% in 1998. The amount owing, in constant $1995, at graduation increased to $12,188 from $7,590 in 1986.

In Nova Scotia 1995, the percentage of college and university students who borrowed from student loan programs declined to 51% from 65% in 1998. The amount owing, in constant $1995, at graduation increased to $11,722 from $6,850 in 1986.

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COMPOSITE INDEX January 2000
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In Canada January 2000, the composite leading indicator (1992=100)* increased +0.5% to 156.7 over December 1999.

Six of ten indices were positive.
Business and personal services employment increased +0.3% to 2.4 million.
The TSE 300 stock price index (1975=1000) increased +4.1% to 7,726.
The money supply (M1 1992$) increased +0.9% to $82.8 billion.
The US composite leading indicator (1992=100) increased +0.2% to 108.2
New orders, durables (1992$) increased +1.1% to $21.8 billion.
Other durable goods sales (1992$) increased +0.5% to $6.6 billion

Two of ten indices were negative.
The housing index (1992=100) declined -0.4% to 97.5.
Furniture and appliances sales (1992$) declined -0.1% to $1.4 billion.

Two of ten indices was unchanged
The average workweek (manufacturing) remained unchanged at 38.6 hours.
The shipments to inventories of finished goods ratio remained unchanged at 1.91.

*NOTE:
Base year for composite leading indicator changed from 1981 to 1992.
Base year for Housing index changed from 1981 to 1992.
Base year for Money supply changed from 1981 to 1992.
Base year for US composite index changed from 1967 to 1992.
Base year for New orders changed from 1981 to 1992.
Base year for Furniture and appliances changed from 1981 to 1992.

WHOLESALE TRADE December 1999
Statistics Canada Cat. No. 63-008-XIB

n Canada December 1999, wholesale merchants' sales (seasonally adjusted) increased +0.2% to $31.3 billion over November 1999, and increased +9.8% over December 1998. Wholesale merchants' inventories (seasonally adjusted) increased +1.6% to $42.8 billion over November 1999, and increased +4.5% over December 1998.

In Canada 1999, wholesale merchants' sales increased +7.8% over 1998.

In Nova Scotia 1999, wholesale merchants' sales increased +13.7% over 1998.

DEPARTMENT STORE SALES December 1999

In Canada December 1999, department store sales including concessions (unadjusted) increased +1.8% to $2.7 billion over December 1998. Year-to-date sales increased +6.3% to $17.9 billion over 1998.

In Nova Scotia December 1999, department store sales including concessions (unadjusted) increased +3.5% to $92.4 million over December 1998. Year-to-date sales increased +6.9% to $567.8 million over 1998.

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RETAIL TRADE December 1999
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In Canada December 1999, retail trade sales (seasonally adjusted) increased +2.0% to $22.5 billion over November 1999, and increased +8.8% over December 1998.

In Nova Scotia December 1999, retail trade sales (seasonally adjusted) increased +1.7% to $697 million over November 1999, and increased +7.0% over November 1998.

PRIVATE AND PUBLIC INVESTMENT INTENTIONS 2000
Statistics Canada Cat. No. 61-205-XIB

In Canada 1999, capital spending of private and public organizations increased +4.2% to $174.3 billion over 1998. In 2000, capital spending intentions of private and public organizations are expected to increased +1.3% to $176.5 billion over 1999.

In Nova Scotia 1999, capital spending of private and public organizations increased +19.0% to $5.1 billion over 1998. In 2000, capital spending intentions of private and public organizations are expected to decline -21.4% to $4.0 billion over 1999.

CANADA'S INTERNATIONAL TRANSACTIONS IN SECURITIES December 1999
Statistics Canada Cat. No. 67-002-XIB

In Canada December 1999, net foreign investment in Canadian securities was an outflow of -$6.6 billion. Year-to-date net foreign investment in Canadian securities was an inflow of +$4.2 billion.

In Canada December 1999, net Canadian investment in foreign securities was an outflow of -$2.5 billion. Year-to-date net Canadian investment in foreign securities was an outflow of -$22.9 billion.

Note: Outflow indicates an outflow of money from Canada - either Canadians investing abroad, or foreigners withdrawing assets. Inflow indicates an inflow of money into Canada - either Canadians withdrawing assets from abroad or foreigners investing in Canada.

EMPLOYMENT INSURANCE December 1999

In Canada December 1999, the number receiving regular employment insurance benefits declined -2.4% to 489,220 recipients, over November 1999, and declined -8.1% over December 1998.

In Nova Scotia December 1999, the number receiving regular employment insurance benefits declined -4.2% to 28,220 over November 1999, and increased +0.6% over December 1998.

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CONSUMER PRICE INDEX January 2000
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In Canada January 2000, the consumer price index all-items, not seasonally adjusted (1992=100), declined -0.1% to 111.4 over December 1999, and increased +2.3% over January 1999.

In Nova Scotia January 2000, the consumer price index, all items, not seasonally adjusted (1992=100) remained unchanged at 112.0 over December 1999, and increased +3.5% over January 1999.

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http://www.gov.ns.ca/fina/statisti/cpi/cpi1.htm
http://www.gov.ns.ca/fina/statisti/publish/pub20.htm

FARM CASH RECEIPTS 1999
Statistics Canada Cat. No. 21-001-XIB

In Canada 4th quarter 1999, farm cash receipts increased +4.2% to $8.2 billion over Oct-Dec 1998.
Year-to-date farm cash receipts increased +2.2% to $30.3 billion over 1998.

In Nova Scotia 4th quarter 1999, farm cash receipts increased +7.1% to $121 million over Oct-Dec 1998.
Year-to-date farm cash receipts increased +5.3% to $396 million over 1998.

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Subject: IPPI; RMPI; Int'l Travel; Enterprise Financial Statistics; Emp, Earns, Hrs

INDUSTRIAL PRODUCT PRICE INDEX January 2000
Statistics Canada Cat. No. 62-011-XPB

In Canada January 2000, the industrial product price index (1992=100) remained unchanged at 124.5over December 1999, and increased +4.4% over January 1999.

RAW MATERIALS PRICE INDEX January 2000
Statistics Canada Cat. No. 62-011-XPB

In Canada January 2000, the raw materials price index (1992=100) increased +0.5% to 134.9 over December 1999, and increased +30.0% over January 1999.

In Canada January 2000, the raw materials price index (1992=100) **excluding mineral fuels** remained unchanged at 121.2 over December 1999, and increased +5.0% over January 1999.

INTERNATIONAL TRAVEL ACCOUNT 1999

In Canada 1999, the international travel account balance deficit (seasonally adjusted) declined to $1.9 billion from the $2.0 billion deficit posted in 1998. Foreign spending in Canada increased +6.7% to $14.9 billion, while Canadian spending abroad increased +5.1% to $16.8 billion, over 1998.

QUARTERLY FINANCIAL STATISTICS FOR ENTERPRISES 4TH QUARTER 1999

In Canada 4th quarter 1999, the operation profits of corporations (seasonally adjusted) increased +7.8% to $43.9 billion over the 3rd quarter 1999. Operating revenues increased +1.5% to $422.6 billion.

EMPLOYMENT, EARNINGS AND HOURS December 1999
Statistics Canada Cat. No. 72-002-XPB

In Canada December 1999, average weekly earnings increased +0.9% to $619.91 over November 1999, and increased +1.8% over December 1998. Employment increased +0.5% to 12.0 million and average weekly hours of work (including overtime) increased +0.3% to 31.5 hrs over November 1999. Hourly rates increased +1.7% to $15.54 per hour, over December 1998.

In Nova Scotia December 1999, average weekly earnings (seasonally adjusted) increased +1.6% to $526.20 over November 1999, and increased +1.3% over December 1998. Employment increased +1.2% to 339,000 over November 1999.

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Subject: LFS Historical Report

The following notice can be included on the DailyStats and LFS mailing list as this report is row available via the Internet. Hardcopy has only been forwarded to a select few of our frequent users and our minister/deputy, etc.

RE: Historical Labour Force Data, 1991-1999

The Labour Force Data, Historical, 1991-1999 has been prepared by the Statistics Division using Statistics Canada's CD-ROM 71F0004FXCB, Labour Force Historical Review 1999. This series replaces any previously released historic data. The introductory pages highlight monthly release dates for 2000 and changes Statistics Canada have incorporated in this historic series–industry and occupational classifications, 1996 Census of population as base, composite estimation, etc. Users are encouraged to access the PDF version of this release on our website:

http://www.gov.ns.ca/finance/publish/pub19.htm

Note that in addition to the tables incorporated in our report, the Statistics Canada CD-ROM includes a much wider range of subjects, most of which is available back to 1976. Contact us at 424-5891 if you wish to explore any of these additional data possibilities.

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NATIONAL ECONOMIC AND FINANCIAL ACCOUNTS 4th QUARTER 1999
Statistics Canada Cat. No. 13-001-PPB, 13-014-PPB, 13F0016XPB

In Canada 4th quarter 1999. gross domestic product at market prices (1992$) increased +1.1% to $888.5 billion over the 3rd quarter 1999, and 4.7% over the 4th quarter 1998. Growth for the year was +4.2%.

In the 4th quarter, consumer spending increased +0.9%; exports increased +1.8%; corporate profits increased +7.8%; personal income increased +1.2%

In 1999, consumer spending increased +0.9%; corporate profits increased +25%; personal income increased +3.7%.

BALANCE OF INTERNATIONAL PAYMENTS 4TH QUARTER 1999
Statistics Canada Cat. NO. 67-001-XPB

In Canada 4th quarter 1999, the current account deficit (seasonally adjusted) increased to $1.3 billion from a $519 million surplus in 3rd quarter 1999. Year-to-date the current account deficit declined to $4.3 billion, compared with $16.4 billion in 1998.

GROSS DOMESTIC PRODUCT BY INDUSTRY AT FACTOR COST December 1999
Statistics Canada Cat. No. 15-001-XPB

In Canada December 1999, GDP at factor cost in 1992 prices (seasonally adjusted) increased +0.4% to $766.6 billion (annualized) over November 1999 and increased +4.6% over December 1998.

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Subject: Large Retailers; Domestic Travel; Oil and Gas; Electric Power

MONTHLY SURVEY OF LARGE RETAILERS December 1999

In Canada December 1999, sales by large retailers (unadjusted) increased +6.7% to $8.9 billion over December 1998. Annual sales increased +6.1% to $72.1 billion over 1998.

DOMESTIC TRAVEL 3RD QUARTER 1999

In Canada 3rd quarter 1999, the number of trips by Canadians within Canada declined -3.8% to 49.6 million trips over the 3rd quarter 1998. Domestic travel expenditures increased +6.4% to $6.9 billion over the 3rd quarter 1998.

Note: Domestic travel is defined as any trip of 80 km or more one way by a Canadian resident having a Canadian destination.

CRUDE OIL AND NATURAL GAS December 1999
Statistics Canada Cat. NO. 26-006-XPB

In Canada December 1999, the production of crude oil increased +1.3% to 10.9 million cubic metres over December 1998. Year-to-date production declined -4.9% to 122.2 million cubic meters over Jan-Dec 1998.

In Canada December 1999, the production of natural gas increased +0.7% to 14.5 billion cubic metres over December 1998. Year-to-date production increased +1.1% to 162.3 billion cubic metres over Jan-Dec 1998.

ELECTRIC POWER STATISTICS December 1999
Statistics Canada Cat. No. 57-001-XIB

In Canada December 1999, net generation of electric power increased +4.6% to 52,829 GWh over December 1998. Year-to-date net generation of electric power increased +2.4% to 557,285 GWh over Jan-Dec 1998.

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Subject: Labour Productivity

LABOUR PRODUCTIVITY IN FOREIGN AND DOMESTICALLY CONTROLLED MANUFACTURING PLANTS 1973 to 1993
Statistics Canada Cat. No. 11F0019MPE no. 118

In Canada, the output share of foreign-controlled manufacturing plants declined from 55% in 1973 to 49% in 1983, and then increased to 55% in 1993. Total employment declined from 42% in 1973 to 37% in 1993.

In 1973, shipments per worker in foreign-controlled plants was 80% higher than domestically-controlled plants. Value added per worker was 66% higher.

By 1993, shipments per worker in foreign-controlled plants increased to 126% higher than domestically-controlled plants. Value added per worker had increased to 107% higher.

In the period 1973 to 1993, for a given increase in output, foreign-controlled plants hired roughly 50% fewer employees than domestically controlled plants. For a given contraction of output, foreign-controlled plants eliminated 20% few jobs than domestically controlled plants.

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From: Doug McCann
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Date: 3/2/00 10:31AM
Subject: Lumber Shipments

LUMBER SHIPMENTS 1999
Statistics Canada Cat. No. 35-003-XIB

In Canada 1999, lumber shipments increased +4.9% to 68.9 million cubic metres over 1998. Exports for 1999 were 49.7 million cubic metres.

In Nova Scotia 1999, lumber shipments increased 12.0% to 1.7 million cubic metres over 1998. Exports for 1999 were 1.1 million cubic metres.

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From: Doug McCann
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Subject: Income Levels, Seniors

INCOME LEVELS, INCOME INEQUALITY AND LOW INCOME AMONG THE ELDERLY 1980-1995
Statistics Canada Cat. No. 11F0019MPE No. 147

In Canada 1995, the percentage of seniors in the lowest income category (bottom 20%) had declined to 18% from 40% in 1980. The percentage of seniors in the highest income category (top 20%) had increased to 15% from 13% in 1980.

In Canada 1995, the disposable income of seniors in the lowest income category (bottom 20%) had increased +31.4% to $11,573 over 1980. The disposable income of seniors in the highest income category (top 20%) had increased +0.8% to $42,719 over 1980.

In Canada, the disposable income of all seniors (population aged 65+) increased +10% between 1980 and 1990, and increased +3% between 1991 and 1995. In the period 1980 to 1995, employment earnings declined from 29.5% of disposable income to 19.8% of disposable income. Income from private and public pensions increased from 21.0% to 44.5% of disposable income.

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From: Doug McCann
To: daily2
Date: 3/7/00 10:07AM
Subject: Industrial Capacity; Petroleum Sales; Farm Family Income;

INDUSTRIAL CAPACITY UTILIZATION RATES 4TH QUARTER 1999

In Canada 4th quarter 1999, industrial utilization capacity increased +1.3% to 86.8% over the 3rd quarter 1999. In 1999 industrial utilization capacity increased +1.5% to 84.8% over 1998.

DOMESTIC SALES OF REFINED PETROLEUM PRODUCTS January 2000

In Canada January 2000, domestic sales of refined petroleum products declined -2.3% to 7.5 million cubic metres over January 1999.

FARM FAMILIES' TOTAL INCOME 1997

In Canada 1997, total farm families' income increased +4.2% to an average of $59,195. Total off-farm income increased +5.2% to $41,165 and net farm operating income increased +2.1% to $18,029.

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Subject: Farm Family Income

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In Canada 1997, total farm families' income increased +4.2% to an average of $59,195. Total off-farm income increased +5.2% to $41,165 and net farm operating income increased +2.1% to $18,029.

In Nova Scotia 1997, total farm families' income declined -4.6% to an average of $50,631. Total off-farm income declined -1.9% to $35,422 and net farm operating income declined -10.3% to $15,210.

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From: Doug McCann
To: daily2
Date: 3/8/00 10:28AM
Subject: Small Business; Help-wanted Index; Dept Stores; Gambling

SMALL BUSINESS OVERVIEW 1997
Statistics Canada Cat. No. 61F0015XCB, 61F0020XCB

In Canada 1997, there were about 955,800 active employers. About 718,000 (75%) employed fewer than 5 employees; 213,000 (22%) employed between 5 and 50 employees.

In Canada 1997, small business (fewer than 50 employees) accounted for 75% of the net increase in total employment or 353,000 new jobs.

In Canada 1997, there was a net gain of 19,600 new small business (145,500 startups, 125,900 closures)

In Nova Scotia 1997, the average gross revenue of a small business was $381,800; average total expenses were $366,200; average net profit was $13,500 or +4.1%. These business employed an average of 4.0 employees.

HELP-WANTED INDEX February 2000

In Canada February 2000, the help-wanted index, seasonally adjusted (1996=100) increased +1.2% to 170 over January 2000, and increased +13.3% over February 1999.

In Nova Scotia February 2000, the help-wanted index, seasonally adjusted (1996=100) increased +0.6% to 168 over January 2000, and increased +7.0% over February 1999.

DEPARTMENT STORE SALES AND STOCKS January 2000

In Canada January 2000, department store sales (unadjusted) increased +2.1% to $1.0 billion over January 1999.

In Nova Scotia January 2000, department store sales (unadjusted) declined -4.6% to $26.9 million over January 1999.

GAMBLING 1998
Statistics Canada Cat. No. 75-001-XPE Spring

In Canada 1998, the average gambling expenditure per household was $355, or 0.7% of total household income. About 77% of households report at least one gambling activity during the year. Of households that participated in a gambling activity, the average gambling expenditure was $460 or 0.8% of total household income.

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From: Doug McCann
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Subject: Short Term Expectations

SHORT TERM EXPECTATIONS

Every month Statistics Canada canvasses a group of economic analysts for forecasts of key economic indicators. Results attached.

The forecast for April 2000;

Consumer Price Index percentage increase (yr/yr) is	+1.9%
Unemployment rate seasonally adjusted	6.8%
Labour force participation seasonally adjusted	65.7%

The forecast for March 2000

Exports ($billions)	$31.6
Imports ($billions)	$29.3

The forecast for February 2000

GDP at FC $1992 (mth/mth) percent increase	+0.3%

In January 2000 the survey results forecast CPI to increase +2.2% while the actual was +2.3%; the unemployment rate was forecast to be 7.3%, and the actual was 6.8%; labour force participation rate was forecast to be 65.5%, while the actual was 65.7%.

In December 1999 the survey results forecast exports to be $30.9 billion, while the actual was $31.9 billion; imports were forecast to be $27.9 billion, while the actual was $29.2 billion; GDP to increase +0.3%, while the actual was +0.4%.

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Date: 3/9/00 10:08AM
Subject: Building Permits; University Enrollment

BUILDING PERMITS January 2000
Statistics Canada 64-001-XIB

In Canada January 2000, the value of building permits (seasonally adjusted) declined -5.5% to $3.3 billion over December 1999, and increased +25.2% over January 1999.

In Nova Scotia January 200, the value of building permits (seasonally adjusted) increased +9.6% to $67.1 million over December 1999, and declined -8.1% over January 1999.

UNIVERSITY ENROLLMENT 1998/99

In Canada 1998/99, full-time university enrollment (undergraduate) increased +0.78% to 501,000 over 1997/98, and increased +0.75% over 1992/93; part-time enrollment declined -0.63% to 206,600 over 1997/98, and declined -24.62% over 1992/93.

In Nova Scotia 1998/99, full-time university enrollment (undergraduate) declined -0.17% to 30,000 over 1997/98 and increased +2.04% over 1992/93; part-time enrollment increased +2.97% to 7,200 over 1997/98, and declined -14.66% over 1992/93.

In Canada 1998/99, government grants to universities (1997 constant dollars) declined -17% to $7,600 per full-time student over 1992/93. Tuition fees on average (1997 constant dollars) have increased +48% to $3000 over 1992/93.

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From: Doug McCann
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Subject: Labour Force Survey

LABOUR FORCE SURVEY February 2000
Statistics Canada Cat. No. 71-001-PPB

also see

http://www.gov.ns.ca/fina/publish/pub19.htm
http://www.gov.ns.ca/fina/stats.div/brief/employ.htm
http://www.gov.ns.ca/fina/statisti/emp/empl1.htm

and attached briefing note.

Finance IntraNet users see

http://iweb.gov.ns.ca/fina/statisti/library.htm

Seasonally Adjusted
(month over month)
In Canada February 2000, labour force increased +0.2% to 15.9 million, employment increased +0.2% to 14.9 million, unemployment increased +0.2% to 1.1 million, and the unemployment rate remained unchanged at 6.8% over January 2000.

In Nova Scotia February 2000, labour force declined -0.2% to 461,700, employment declined -0.1% to 417,000, unemployment declined -0.4% to 44,800 and the unemployment rate remained unchanged at 9.7% over January 2000.

Unadjusted
(year over year)
In Canada February 2000, labour force increased +1.8% to 15.6 million, employment increased +3.1% to 14.5 million, unemployment declined -12.9% to 1.1 million, and the unemployment rate declined -1.2 percentage points to 7.3% over February 1999.

In Nova Scotia February 2000, labour force increased +2.8% to 447,700, employment increased + 3.7% to 401,100, unemployment declined -4.1% to 46,600 and the unemployment rate declined -0.8 percentage points to 10.4% over February 1999.

READER SURVEY

In an effort to determine whether we are meeting the needs of our users, the Statistics Division would appreciate a response to the following questions about our monthly Employment Situation Report:

1. Do you find our monthly Employment Situation report useful? Yes? No?

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4. Is there further information that you would like to see included in our Report? Is so, explain....

5. Do you have any other suggestions about content, format, etc.? Is so, explain....

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Subject: Housing Price Index

NEW HOUSING PRICE INDEX
Statistics Canada Cat. No. 62-007-XPB

In Canada January 2000, the new housing price index (1992=100) remained unchanged over December 1999, and increased +1.7% to 102.0 over January 1999.

In Halifax January 2000, the new housing price index (1992=100) remained unchanged over December 1999, and increased +3.0% to 113.4 over January 1999.

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From: Kathleen McCafferty
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Subject: Geography Working Papers; Changes to Municipal Boundaries

INTRODUCING THE DISSEMINATION AREA FOR THE 2001 CENSUS
Cat. No. 92F0138MIE

As part of its Geography Working Papers Series, Statistics Canada has released a paper titled, Introducing the Dissemination Area for the 2001 Census. The objective of the paper is to stimulate discussion on conceptual, methodological and/or technical issues. This paper is available free at:

http://www.statcan.ca/english/research/92F0138MIE/free.htm

CHANGES TO MUNICIPAL BOUNDARIES, STATUS AND NAMES
January 2, 1999 to January 1, 2000
Statistics Canada, Cat. No. 92F0009 XPB

This report summaries changes to municipal boundaries, status and names between January 2, 1999 to January 1, 2000.

Other Releases

Steel Primary Forms, January 2000
Shipments of Rolled Steel, January 2000
Dairy Statistics, January and February 2000 (preliminary)

Consumption of Containers and Other Packaging Supplies by the Manufacturing Industries

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CC: MacDonald, Neil

From: Kathleen McCafferty
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Date: 3/14/00 12:08PM
Subject: Civil Aviation Statistics; Economic Conference 2000

CIVIL AVIATION STATISTICS, Third and Fourth Quarter 1999
Statistics Canada, Cat. No. 51-004-XIB

Air Canada reported a seasonally adjusted basic income of $73 million in the third quarter of 1999 and $114 million in the fourth quarter. Canadian Airlines reported a seasonally adjusted basic loss of $50 million in the third quarter and a $71 million loss in the fourth quarter.

Basic income or loss is operating income plus interest expenses plus interest income.

ECONOMIC CONFERENCE 2000
Expanding Horizons: Canada in an International Context

Statistics Canada's eleventh annual Economic Conference entitled
" Expanding Horizons: Canada in an International Context" will be held May 15-16 in Ottawa.

The Conference is designed to provide a forum for research among the business, government, research, and labour communities. Individual workshops will include topics such as international comparisons, international investment and financial flows, international trade, and population flows.

Further information is available at:

http://www.statcan.ca:80/english/conferences/economic2000/index.htm

Other Releases:

Railway Car loadings, Eight day period ending February 29, 2000

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details at http://www.gov.ns.ca/fina/publish/pub23.htm

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Subject: CPI Feb 2000; Nova Scotia Economic Indicators

CONSUMER PRICE INDEX February 200
Statistics Canada Cat. No. 62-001-XPB

In Canada February 2000, the consumer price index all-items, not seasonally adjusted (1992=100), increased +0.5% to 112.0 over January 2000, and increased +2.7% over February 1999.

In Nova Scotia February 2000, the consumer price index, all items, not seasonally adjusted (1992=100) increased +0.8 to 112.9 over January 2000, and increased +3.9% over February 1999.

also: http://www.gov.ns.ca/fina/stats.div/brief/prices.htm
http://www.gov.ns.ca/fina/statisti/cpi/cpi1.htm
http://www.gov.ns.ca/fina/statisti/publish/pub20.htm

NOVA SCOTIA ECONOMIC INDICATORS

Each month the Nova Scotia Department of Finance, Statistics Division releases the publication, Nova Scotia Economic Indicators. This publication is a compendium of key economic indicators for Canada and Nova Scotia. Summary tables include statistics on population, migration, labour force, consumer price index, income, retail trade, commodity sectors, construction, and gross domestic product.

The February 2000 release is available at no-charge at:

http://www.gov.ns.ca/finance/publish/pub15.htm

Other Releases:

Particleboard, Oriented Strandboard and Fibreboard, January 2000
Inter-corporate Ownership, First Quarter 2000
Air Travel between Canada and the United States, Second and Third Quarter, 1998 (preliminary)

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From: Kathleen McCafferty
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Subject: CANADIAN SOCIAL TRENDS: THE CHANGING FACE OF CONJUGAL RELATIONSHIPS, 1995

CANADIAN SOCIAL TRENDS: THE CHANGING FACE OF CONJUGAL RELATIONSHIPS, 1995
Statistics Canada, Cat. No. 11-008

In 1995, 95% of women aged 60 to 69 indicated that there first union was marriage while only 1% reported that their first union started with common law relationship. Similarily, 91 percent of women aged 50-59 reported that their first union started with marriage while 6% indicated their first union began with common law.

Fifty-two percent of women between 20-29 reported that their first union was common law while 35% indicated that their first union started with marriage.

The study also indicates that women whose first conjugal union was a common law were almost twice as likely to separate as women who married first.

This study used a sample of 4,656 female respondents aged 20-69 living in private households in the ten provinces.

MANUFACTURING SHIPMENTS, January 2000
Statistics Canada, Cat. No. 31-001

In Canada, manufacturing shipments in January 2000 increased by 1.1% over December 1999 to $43.7 billion. The largest contributors to the increase in shipments were aircraft and parts (22.5%), wood (3.8%), and refined petroleum and coal products (4.5%). On a year-over-year basis, manufacturing shipments in January 2000 increased 11.6% over January 1999.

Nova Scotia's January 2000 seasonally adjusted manufacturing shipments declined to $637 million; a decline of 10.2% over December 1999. On a year-over-year basis, seasonally adjusted manufacturing shipments in January 2000 increased 8.9% over January 1999.

Other Releases:

Steel Primary Forms, Week ending March 11, 2000 (preliminary)
Informatics Professional Services Price Index, 1998

SUBSCRIPTION
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From: Kathleen McCafferty
To: daily2
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Subject: New Motor Vehicle Sales; Travel between Canada and OtherCountries

NEW MOTOR VEHICLE SALES, January 2000
Statistics Canada, Cat. No. 63-007

In Canada, January 2000, new motor vehicle unit sales (seasonally adjusted) decreased 7.2% to 133,596 units over December 1999, and increased 8.2% over January 1999.

On a seasonally unadjusted basis, new motor vehicle unit sales in Canada during January 2000 increased 8.3% to 93,968 units over January 1999.

In Nova Scotia, January 2000, new motor vehicle unit sales (seasonally adjusted) declined 1.0% to 3,905 over December 1999 and increased 17.5% over January 1999.

In Nova Scotia, January 2000 new motor vehicle unit sales (unadjusted) increased 16.3% to 2,429 over January 1999.

TRAVEL BETWEEN CANADA AND OTHER COUNTRIES, January 2000
Statistics Canada, Cat. No. 66-001

Foreigners made 4.2 million trips to Canada in January 2000; a 2.0% over December 1999. International trips made by Canadians increased slightly by 0.3% to 3.9 million.

Trips from Canada to the United States in January 2000 increased by 1.1% over December 1999 whereas trips from Canada to all other destinations declined by 7.4% . During the same period, Americans travelling to Canada increased by 1.2% while visitors from all other countries increased by 5.0% .

Other Releases:

Shipments of Office Furniture Products, December 1999
Construction Union Wage Rate Index, February 2000
Selected Financial Indexes, February 2000
Stocks of Frozen Poultry Meat, March 1, 2000 (Preliminary)

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From: Doug McCann
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Date: 3/20/00 9:51AM
Subject: Natural Gas

NATURAL GAS SALES January 2000
Statistics Canada 55-002-XIB

In Canada January 2000, natural gas sales increased +3.3% to 8.6 billion cubic metres over January 1999.

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From: Doug McCann
To: daily2
Date: 3/21/00 10:33AM
Subject: Int'l Merchandise Trade; Wholesale Trade

CANADIAN INTERNATIONAL MERCHANDISE TRADE January 2000
Statistics Canada Cat. No. 65-001-XPB

In Canada January 2000, international merchandise trade exports (seasonally adjusted) increased +4.0% to $33.2 billion over December 1999, and increased +15.1% over January 1999. In 1999 annual exports increased +11.9% to $360.6 billion over 1998.

In Canada January 2000, international merchandise trade imports (seasonally adjusted) declined -1.8% to $28.6 billion over December 1999, and increased +9.9% over January 1999. In 1999 annual imports (seasonally adjusted) increased +7.7% to $326.7 billion over 1998.

In Canada January 2000, the international merchandise balance of trade surplus stood at $4.5 billion. In 1999 the annual balance of trade surplus stood at $33.9 billion.

In Nova Scotia December 1999, international merchandise trade exports declined -0.2% to $361.6 million over November1999, and increased +21.4% over December 1998. Year-to-date exports increased +15.6% to $4.0 billion over Jan-Dec 1998.

In Nova Scotia December 1999, international merchandise import trade declined -16.7% to $374.9 million over November 1999, and increased +21.0%% over December 1998. Year-to-date imports declined -11.3% to $4.5 billion over Jan-Dec 1998.

WHOLESALE TRADE January 2000
Statistics Canada Cat. No. 63-008-XIB

In Canada January 2000 wholesale merchants' sales (seasonally adjusted) increased +0.2% to $31.2 billion over December 1999, and increased +9.5% over January 1999. Wholesale merchants' inventories (seasonally adjusted) increased +0.2% to $42.0 billion over December 1999, and increased +5.3% over January 1999.

In Nova Scotia January 2000, wholesale merchants' sales declined -10.3% to $522 million over December 1999, and declined -5.0% over January 1999

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From: Doug McCann
To: daily2
Date: 3/22/00 10:12AM
Subject: Composite Index; Community College Finances; Exporter Registry

COMPOSITE INDEX February 2000
Statistics Canada Cat. No. 11-010-XPB

In Canada February 2000, the composite leading indicator (1992=100)* increased +1.0% to 158.2 over January 2000.

Nine of ten indices were positive.
The housing index (1992=100) increased +0.9% to 98.5.
Business and personal services employment increased +0.3% to 2.4 million.
The TSE 300 stock price index (1975=1000) increased +5.6% to 8,161.
The money supply (M1 1992$) increased +0.6% to $83.3 billion.
The US composite leading indicator (1992=100) increased +0.2% to 108.3
The average workweek (manufacturing) increased +0.3% to 38.7 hours.
New orders, durables (1992$) increased +1.4% to $21.9 billion.
Furniture and appliances sales (1992$) increased +0.3% to $1.4 billion.
Other durable goods sales (1992$) increased +0.8% to $6.7 billion

No indices were negative.

One of ten indices was unchanged
The shipments to inventories of finished goods ratio remained unchanged at 1.92.

COMMUNITY COLLEGE FINANCES 1997/98

In Canada 1997/98, community college spending declined -3.8% to $5.2 billion over 1996/97. Salary and benefits declined -4.7% to $3.3 billion (62.9% share of total expenditures.) over 1996/97.

In Canada 1997/97, sources of community college revenue were: government grants and contract 67.2% (78.9% in 1990/91); Student fees 15.9% (9.5% in 1990/91); bequests, donations and non-government grants 1.9% (1.6% in 1990/91); and other sources 15.0% (10.0% in 1990/91)

In Nova Scotia 1997/98, sources of community college revenue were: government grants and contract 71.1% (91.9% in 1990/91); Student fees 10.1% (3.9% in 1990/91); bequests, donations and non-government grants 0.0% (0.0% in 1990/91); and other sources 18.8% (4.2% in 1990/91)

PROFILE OF CANADIAN EXPORTERS 1993 to 1997

In Canada 1997, the number of exporting establishments increased +5.0% to 30,738 over 1996, and increased +28.7% over 1993. The value of exports increased +8.5% to $278.9 billion over 1996, and increased +58.1% over 1993.

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From: Doug McCann
To: daily2
Date: 3/23/00 10:29AM
Subject: Retail Trade; Int'l Transactions; Aquaculture; Exporter Registry

RETAIL TRADE January 2000
Statistics Canada Cat. No. 63-005-XPB

In Canada January 2000, retail trade sales (seasonally adjusted) remained unchanged at $22.6 billion over December 1999, and increased +5.0% over January 1999.

In Nova Scotia January 2000, retail trade sales (seasonally adjusted) declined -1.7% to $682 million over December 1999, and increased +4.2% over January 1999.

INTERNATIONAL TRANSACTIONS IN SECURITIES January 2000
Statistics Canada Cat. No. 67-002-XIB

In Canada January 2000, net foreign investment in Canadian securities was an inflow of +4.8 billion. In 1999, net foreign investment in Canadian securities was an inflow of +$4.2 billion.

In Canada January 2000, net Canadian investment in foreign securities was an outflow of -$2.3 billion. In 1999, net Canadian investment in foreign securities was an outflow of -$22.9 billion.

Note: Outflow indicates an outflow of money from Canada - either Canadians investing abroad, or foreigners withdrawing assets. Inflow indicates an inflow of money into Canada - either Canadians withdrawing assets from abroad or foreigners investing in Canada.

AQUACULTURE STATISTICS 1998
Statistics Canada Cat. No. 21-603-UPE, 23-603-UPE

In 1998, aquaculture net contribution to the economy (GDP at factor cost) increased +17% to $213 million over 1997. Sales increased +14% to $507 million; farm operation expenses were $342 million; salaries and benefits amounted to $75 million; exports increased to $363 million.

PROFILE OF CANADIAN EXPORTERS 1993 to 1997

In Canada 1997, the number of exporting establishments increased +5.0% to 30,738 over 1996, and increased +28.7% over 1993. The value of exports increased +8.5% to $278.9 billion over 1996, and increased +58.1% over 1993.

In Nova Scotia 1997, the number of exporting establishments declined -1.0% to 672 over 1996, and increased +8.0% over 1993. The value of exports increased +11.4% to $3.6 billion over 1996, and increased +56.6% over 1993.

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From: Doug McCann
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Subject: Public Sector Employment; Crude Oil, Natural Gas

PUBLIC SECTOR EMPLOYMENT 1999

In Canada 1999, average total public sector employment remained unchanged at 2.8 million over 1998.

Federal government	330,003
Provincial governments	1,312,806
Local governments	893,519
Government Business Enterprise	262,451

In Nova Scotia 1999, average total public sector employment declined -1.6% to 102,681 over 1998.

Federal government	23,328
Provincial governments	47,703
Local governments	24,588
Government Business Enterprise	7,062

CRUDE OIL AND NATURAL GAS January 2000
Statistics Canada Cat. No. 26-006-XPB

In Canada January 1999, crude oil production increased +4.5% to 10.7 million cubic metres over January 1998.

In Canada January 1999, natural gas production increased +1.2% to 14.8 billion cubic metres over January 1998.

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From: Doug McCann
To: daily2
Date: 3/28/00 10:21AM
Subject: Nat'l Tourism Indicators; Coal Mining

NATIONAL TOURISM INDICATORS 4TH QUARTER 1999
Statistics Canada Cat. No. 13-009-XPB

In Canada 4th quarter 1999, tourism expenditure (unadjusted) increased +7.8% to $10.0 billion over the 4th quarter 1998. Annual tourism expenditures increased +6.5% to $50.1 billion over 1998.

Fourth quarter spending by foreign visitors increased +7.1% to $2.5 billion and domestic spending increased +8.1% to $7.5 billion, over 4th quarter 1998. In 1999 spending by foreign visitors increased +7.7% to $15.3 billion and domestic spending increased +6.0% to $34.8 billion over 1998.

In 1999, the Canadian travel account deficit declined to $3.0 billion.

COAL MINING 1998 AND 1999
Statistics Canada Cat. No. 26-206-XIB, 45-002-XIB

In Canada 1998, coal production declined -4.2% to 75,359 kilotonnes over 1997. The value of coal production declined -8.3% to $1.8 billion over 1997. In 1998, exports of coal declined -6.4% to 34,183 kilotonnes; employment in coal mines declined -8.7% to 8,157; wages and salaries paid declined -9.7% to $469 million.

In Canada 1999, coal production declined -3.8% to 72,472 kilotonnes over 1998.

In Nova Scotia 1998, coal production declined -21.4% to 2,118 kilotonnes over 1997, and in 1999 declined -29.1% to 1,503 kilotonnes over 1998.

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Subject: Int'l Investment; Nat'l Balance Sheet; Employment Insurance; Employment, Earning, Hours;

CANADA'S INTERNATIONAL INVESTMENT POSITION 1999
Statistics Canada Cat. No. 67-202-XIB

In 1999, Canada's net international investment liability declined -7.9% ($26 billion) to $300 billion (32% of GDP) over 1998. Total assets = $663.7 billion; total liabilities = $964.0 billion.

In Canada 1999, direct foreign investment increased +9.5% to $240 billion, while Canadian direct investment abroad increased +4.5% to $257 billion.

NATIONAL BALANCE SHEET ACCOUNTS 1999
Statistics Canada Cat. No. 13-214-PPB, 13-214-XDB

In Canada 1999, national net worth increased +5.5% to $3.0 trillion over 1998. National net worth per capita increased +4.6% to $96,800 over 1998.

The ratio of consumer credit and mortgage debt to personal income increased to 99.3%. Personal sector net worth (assets - liabilities) increased +5.0%.

EMPLOYMENT INSURANCE January 2000
Statistics Canada Cat. No. 72-002-XPB

In Canada January 2000, the number of beneficiaries (seasonally adjusted) receiving regular benefits declined -3.6% to 471,690 over December 1999, and declined -8.6% over January 1999.

In Nova Scotia January 2000, the number of beneficiaries (seasonally adjusted) receiving regular benefits increased +0.9% to 28,460 over December 1999, and increased +2.3% over January 1999.

EMPLOYMENT, EARNINGS AND HOURS January 2000
Statistics Canada Cat. No. 72-002-XPB

In Canada January 2000, average weekly earnings (seasonally adjusted) increased +0.3% to $618.85 over December 1999, and increased +2.0% over January 1999. Employment (seasonally adjusted) increased +0.3% to 12.0 million over December 1999, and increased +0.2% over January 1999.

In Nova Scotia January 2000, average weekly earnings (seasonally adjusted) remained unchanged at $518.82 over December 1999, and increased +2.6% over January 1999. Employment (seasonally adjusted) increased +2.1% to 339,000 over December 1999, and declined -0.9% over January 1999.

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INDUSTRIAL PRODUCT PRICE INDEX February 2000
Statistics Canada Cat. No. 62-011-XPB

In Canada February 2000, the industrial product price index (1992=100) increased +0.9% to 125.8 over January 2000, and increased +5.9% over February 1999.

RAW MATERIAL PRICE INDEX February 2000
Statistics Canada Cat No. 62-011-XPB

In Canada February 2000, the raw materials price index (1992=100) increased +3.2% to 139.7 over January 2000, and increased +37.1% over February 1999.

The raw materials price index (1992=100) **excluding mineral fuels** increased +0.6% to 122.4 over January 2000 and increased +7.2% over February 1999.

COURTS: RESOURCES, EXPENDITURES AND PERSONNEL 1998/99
Statistics Canada Cat. No. 85-403-XIE

In Canada 1998/99, operational cost of the judicial system increased +7% to $925 million ($30 per capita) over 1996/97. Employment in the judicial system declined -2.8% to 11,934 (court staff = 9,940; judges = 1,994) over 1996/97. Salaries and benefits totaled $760 million . In 1997/98 salaries and benefits for court staff increased +7%; for provincial judges +4%; for federally-appointed judges 18%, over 1996/97.

LOW INCOME INTENSITY
The new low income intensity measure combines information from the low income rate and the low income gap to provide a more comprehensive view of low income trends.
http://www.statcan.ca/english/research/11F0019MIE/00144.pdf

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INFORMATION RIGHTS WEEK
April 3 - 10, 2000

During Information Rights Week, Statistics Division, Department of Finance will be holding an open House. Drop in for a visit. Provincial Building, 6th Floor, 1723 Hollis, Halifax.

For more information: http://www.cla.ca/top/whatsnew/wnfb17001.htm

FILM, VIDEO AND AUDIO_VISUAL PRODUCTION, LABORATORIES AND POST-PRODUCTION 1997/98

In Canada 1997/98, production revenue in the independent film, television and video production industry increased +16% to $1.1 billion over 1996/97. Revenues from exports increased +18.6% to $428.9 million (38% of production revenue). Profits (total revenue less total operating expenses) increased +18% to $101.4 million (7.1% of total revenue) over 1996/97.

Full-time employment in the production industry has increased +63% to 4,005 jobs. and part-time employment has increased +65% to 16,808 jobs, over 1992/93.

In Canada 1997/98, total operating revenue in the film laboratories and post-production services industries increased +18.5% to $596.8 million over 1996/97. Total operating expenses increased +21.4% to $508.6 million, and profit increased +4.3% to $88.1 million (14.8% of total revenue), over 1996/97.

Full-time employment in the post-production industry has increased +75% to 3,307, and part-time employment has increased +33% to 1,544, over 1992/93.

DEPARTMENT STORE SALES AND STOCKS February 2000

In Canada February 2000, department store sales (unadjusted) increased +4.5% to $1.0 billion over February 1999. Year-to-date sales increased +3.3% to $2.0 billion over Jan-Feb 1999.

In Nova Scotia February 2000, department store sales (unadjusted) increased +7.2% to $29.7 million over February 1999. Year-to-date sales increased +1.9% to $57.0 million over Jan-Feb 1999.

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BUILDING PERMITS February 2000
Statistics Canada Cat. No. 64-001-XIB

In Canada February 2000, the value of building permits (seasonally adjusted) declined -14.5% to $2.9 billion over January 2000, and increased +13.6% over February 1999.

In Nova Scotia February 2000, the value of building permits (seasonally adjusted) increased +7.1% to $67.2 million over January 2000, and declined -7.4% over February 1999.

FARMING OPERATING REVENUES AND EXPENSES 1998

In Canada 1998, average operating revenues of farms increased +3.0% to $153,962 over 1997, and increased +13.2% over the five-year, current-dollar average 1993-97. Average operating expenses increased +3.9% to $130,384 over 1997.

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QUARTERLY RETAIL COMMODITY SURVEY
4TH QUARTER 1999

In Canada 4th quarter 1999, sales, all retail stores (unadjusted) increased +7.3% to $71.6 billion over 4th quarter 1999. Annual sales in 1999 increased +5.8% to $261.2 billion, over 1998.

MONTHLY SURVEY OF LARGE RETAILERS January 2000

In Canada January 2000, sales (unadjusted) for a group of large retailers (80% of largest food, clothing, home furnishing, electronics, sporting goods and general merchandise stores) increased +1.4% to $5.1 billion over January 1999.

DOMESTIC SALES OF REFINED PETROLEUM PRODUCTS February 2000

In Canada February 2000, sales of refined petroleum products increased +5.2% to 7.5 million cubic meters over February 1999. Year-to-date sales increased +1.3% to 15.0 million cubic meters over Jan-Feb 1999.

ANNUAL DEMOGRAPHIC STATISTICS 1999
Statistics Canada Cat. No. 91-213-XPB

On July 1, 1999 Canada's population was estimated to be 30,491,300 and projected to reach 31.7 million by 2004.

In 1999, the population aged 65+ increased to 3.8 million (12.4% of total population) from 3.4 million in 1998.

In 1999, the population aged 15 and under declined to 5.9 million (20.5% of total population) from 6.0 million in 1998.

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SHORT TERM EXPECTATIONS

Every month Statistics Canada canvasses a group of economic analysts for forecasts of key economic indicators. Results attached.

The forecast for May 2000;

Consumer Price Index percentage increase (yr/yr) is	+2.4%
Unemployment rate seasonally adjusted	6.8%
Labour force participation seasonally adjusted	66.0%

The forecast for April 2000

Exports ($billions)	$33.5
Imports ($billions)	$29.0

The forecast for March 2000

GDP at FC $1992 (mth/mth) percent increase	+0.3%

In February 2000 the survey results forecast CPI to increase +2.2% while the actual was +2.7%; the unemployment rate was forecast to be 7.0%, and the actual was 6.8%; labour force participation rate was forecast to be 65.6%, while the actual was 65.8%.

In January 2000 the survey results forecast exports to be $31.0 billion, while the actual was $33.2 billion; imports were forecast to be $28.1 billion, while the actual was $28.6 billion; GDP to increase +0.2%, while the actual was +0.5%.

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STATISTICS ON RESULTS OF THE SHORT TERM EXPECTATIONS SURVEY
STATISTIQUES SUR LES RÉSULTATS DE L'ENQUÊTE SUR LES ANTICIPATIONS À COURT TERME

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	INDICATORS / INDICATEURS	YEAR / MONTH / ANNÉE / MOIS	MEAN / MOYENNE			MIN.	MAX.	ACTUAL DATA / CHIFFRE RÉEL
			original version	1st revision	2nd revision			
Cansim	**Consumer Price Index**	99/01	1.1	1.2	1.0	0.6	1.1	0.6
9940	**Indices des prix à la**	99/02	1.2	1.1	0.7	0.5	1.0	0.7
Serie	**consommation**	99/03	1.1	0.8	0.7	0.3	0.9	1.0
P100000	% year/year	99/04	0.9	0.8	1.1	0.5	1.2	1.7
		99/05	0.8	0.9	1.5	1.2	1.8	1.6
		99/06	1.0	1.5	1.5	1.3	1.6	1.6
		99/07	1.5	1.5	1.7	1.4	2.0	1.8
		99/08	1.6	1.7	1.8	1.6	2.1	2.1
		99/09	1.9	1.9	2.1	1.7	2.5	2.6
		99/10	1.9	2.0	2.5	2.3	2.5	2.3
		99/11	2.1	2.4	2.3	2.1	2.6	2.2
		99/12	2.4	2.3	2.3	2.1	2.7	2.6
		00/01	2.2	2.3	2.6	2.2	2.8	2.3
		00/02	2.2	2.5	2.3	2.2	2.4	2.7
		00/03	2.4	2.1	2.6	2.3	2.9	
		00/04	1.9	2.5		2.2	2.9	
		00/05	2.4			1.9	2.7	
Cansim	**Unemployment**	99/01	8.3	8.3	8.1	7.9	8.2	7.8
3451	**Chômage**	99/02	8.3	8.1	7.7	6.4	8.0	7.9
Serie	% (S.A.)	99/03	8.1	7.9	7.8	7.7	7.9	7.9
D980745		99/04	7.9	7.8	7.8	7.7	8.0	8.2
		99/05	7.8	7.8	8.1	8.0	8.3	7.9
		99/06	7.7	8.0	8.1	8.0	8.3	7.5
		99/07	8.0	8.1	7.7	7.5	8.0	7.6
		99/08	8.1	7.8	7.7	7.6	7.8	7.7
		99/09	7.8	7.7	7.8	7.6	7.9	7.4
		99/10	7.7	7.7	7.5	7.5	7.6	7.1
		99/11	7.7	7.5	7.3	7.2	7.4	6.9
		99/12	7.5	7.3	7.0	6.8	7.1	6.8
		00/01	7.3	7.0	7.0	6.8	7.1	6.8
		00/02	7.0	7.0	6.8	6.7	6.9	6.8
		00/03	6.9	6.8	6.8	6.7	6.9	
		00/04	6.8	6.8		6.7	6.9	
		00/05	6.8			6.6	7.0	
Cansim	**Labour Force**	99/01	65.1	65.4	65.6	65.4	65.7	65.8
3451	**participation rate**	99/02	65.3	65.6	65.7	65.0	66.0	65.5
Serie	**Taux de participation -**	99/03	65.5	65.7	65.8	65.8	65.9	65.5
D980778	**population active**	99/04	65.7	65.9	65.7	65.6	65.9	65.8
	% (S.A.)	99/05	65.9	65.8	65.9	65.5	66.1	65.8
		99/06	65.8	65.9	65.9	65.7	66.0	65.5
		99/07	65.9	66.0	65.5	65.3	65.7	65.6
		99/08	66.0	65.6	65.5	65.4	65.7	65.6
		99/09	65.6	65.6	65.5	65.3	65.6	65.6
		99/10	65.7	65.5	65.4	65.4	65.5	65.5
		99/11	65.6	65.5	65.5	65.3	65.7	65.5
		99/12	65.6	65.6	65.6	65.4	65.7	65.6
		00/01	65.5	65.6	65.6	65.3	65.8	65.7
		00/02	65.6	65.6	65.7	65.6	65.7	65.8
		00/03	65.8	65.7	65.8	65.7	65.8	
		00/04	65.7	65.9		65.8	66.0	
		00/05	66.0			65.9	66.1	

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Cansim	**Exports**	99/01	28.0	27.9	28.2	27.8	28.6	28.9	28.8
3685	**Exportations**	99/02	27.9	28.2	28.8	28.1	29.2	28.7	28.6
Serie	billions $	99/03	28.2	28.8	28.8	28.4	29.1	29.0	28.8
D399449		99/04	29.0	28.8	28.5	25.8	29.2	28.7	28.8
		99/05	28.8	28.9	29.0	28.7	29.1	28.9	29.1
		99/06	29.0	28.9	28.9	28.5	29.3	29.4	29.6
		99/07	28.9	29.0	29.3	28.5	30.0	30.0	30.4
		99/08	29.0	29.4	30.1	29.8	30.6	31.2	31.5
		99/09	29.6	30.3	31.3	31.0	32.0	30.3	30.7
		99/10	30.5	31.5	30.8	30.5	31.3	30.7	30.9
		99/11	31.6	30.8	30.9	30.6	31.1	31.4	31.4
		99/12	30.9	31.0	31.5	31.0	32.0	31.9	31.9
		00/01	31.0	31.6	32.0	31.0	32.4	33.2	33.2
		00/02	31.6	32.0	33.3	32.8	34.3		
		00/03	31.6	33.6		33.0	35.0		
		00/04	33.5			33.1	34.0		
Cansim	**Imports**	99/01	26.3	26.2	26.6	26.0	27.0	26.2	26.0
3651	**Importations**	99/02	26.2	26.6	26.3	25.0	26.6	26.1	26.3
Serie	billions $	99/03	26.5	26.4	26.2	26.0	26.6	26.4	26.4
D397990		99/04	26.5	26.3	26.5	26.2	26.9	26.3	26.4
		99/05	26.2	26.5	26.4	26.3	26.5	26.5	26.6
		99/06	26.6	26.4	26.4	26.0	26.6	26.6	26.8
		99/07	26.7	26.4	26.7	26.5	27.1	26.9	27.0
		99/08	26.5	26.7	27.0	26.8	27.3	27.6	27.7
		99/09	27.1	27.1	27.6	27.0	27.9	27.8	27.8
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		99/11	27.8	27.8	28.0	27.3	28.5	28.2	28.2
		99/12	27.9	28.1	28.3	27.4	29.0	29.2	29.2
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		00/03	29.3	28.9		28.6	29.5		
		00/04	29.0			28.0	30.0		
Cansim	**Gross Domestic**	99/01	0.1	0.2	0.4	0.2	0.6	0.2	0.4
4680	**Product (at factor**	99/02	0.1	0.3	0.2	0.0	0.3	0.1	0.4
Serie	**cost by industry)**	99/03	0.3	0.3	0.2	0.1	0.5	0.3	0.3
I56001	**Produit intérieur brut**	99/04	0.3	0.2	0.2	-0.1	0.4	0.3	0.2
	(au coût des facteurs	99/05	0.2	0.2	0.2	-0.1	0.4	0.3	0.3
	par industrie)	99/06	0.2	0.3	0.3	0.1	0.6	0.3	0.4
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	% month/month)	99/08	0.2	0.3	0.4	0.3	0.6	0.5	0.5
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LABOUR FORCE SURVEY March 2000
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http://www.gov.ns.ca/fina/statisti/emp/empl1.htm

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Seasonally Adjusted
(month over month)
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In Nova Scotia March 2000 labour force remained unchanged at 461,800, employment increased +0.9% to 420,900, unemployment declined -8.7% to 40,900 and the unemployment rate declined -0.8 percentage points to 8.9% over February 2000.

Unadjusted
(year over year)
In Canada March 2000 labour force increased +1.9% to 15.7 million, employment increased +3.2% to 14.6 million, unemployment declined -12.1% to 1.1 million, and the unemployment rate declined -1.1 percentage points to 7.3% over March 1999.

In Nova Scotia March 2000 labour force increased +2.7% to 450,800, employment increased + 4.7% to 406,100, unemployment declined -12.2% to 44,600 and the unemployment rate declined -1.7 percentage points to 9.9% over March 1999.

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DEMOGRAPHIC STATISTICS 4TH QUARTER 1999
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On January 1, 2000, the population of Canada had increased +0.85% to an estimated 30,606,659 persons over January 1, 1999

On January 1, 2000, the population of Nova Scotia had increased +0.47% to an estimated 942,017 persons over January 1, 1999.

THERAPEUTIC ABORTIONS 1997

In Canada 1997, the number of therapeutic abortions increased +2.86% to 114,848 over 1996. The abortion rate per 100 live birth increased to 32.95 from 30.49 in 1996.

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DOMESTIC AND INTERNATIONAL SHIPPING January - September 1999
Statistics Canada Cat. No. 50-002-XIB

In Canada January to September 1999, domestic and international cargo handling increased +1.1% to 274.3 million tonnes over Jan-Sep 1998,

CELLULAR TELECOMMUNICATIONS INDUSTRY 1998
Statistics Canada Cat. No. 56-001-XIB

In Canada 1998, annual cellular telephone service revenues increased +28.5% to $4.1 billion over 1997. Operating expenses increased +44.4% to $4.3 billion over 1997. Cellular telephone subscribers increased +25.1% to 5.9 million over 1997.

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HELP-WANTED INDEX March 2000

In Canada March 2000, the help-wanted index (1996=100) seasonally adjusted increased +0.6% to 171 over February 2000, and increased +11.8% over March 1999.

In Nova Scotia March 2000, the help-wanted index (1996=100) seasonally adjusted remained unchanged at 169 over February 2000, and increased +4.3% over March 1999.

NEW HOUSING PRICE INDEX February 2000
Statistics Canada Cat. No. 62-007-XPB

In Canada February 2000, the new housing price index (1992=100) increased +0.4% to 102.4 over January 2000, and increased +2.1% over February 1999.

In Halifax February 2000, the new housing price index (1992=100) increased +0.3% to 113.7 over January 2000, and increased +3.3% over February 1999.

RAILWAY CARLOADINGS

In Canada March 21, 2000, total year-to-date railway traffic (non-intermodal and intermodal) increased +12.7% to 60.0 million tonnes over the previous year.

PARTICLEBOARD, ORIENTED STRANDBOARD AND FIBREBOARD February 2000
Statistics Canada Cat. No. 36-003-XIB

In Canada February 2000, production of particleboard declined -0.3% to 184,899 cubic metres over February 1999, and increased +1.1% to 384,883 cubic metres over Jan-Feb 1999.

In Canada February 2000, production of oriented strandboard increased +2.9% to 603,301 cubic metres over February 1999, and increased +2.4% to 1.3 million cubic metres over Jan-Feb 1999.

In Canada February 2000, production of fibreboard increased +38.7% to 89,773 cubic metres over February 1999, and increased +37.4% to 190,747 cubic metres over Jan-Feb 1999.

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Subject: Motor Vehicle Sales

NEW MOTOR VEHICLE SALES February 2000
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In Canada February 2000, new motor vehicle unit sales (seasonally adjusted) declined -4.4% to 126,593 units over January 2000, and increased +6.5% over February 1999. February 2000 unadjusted unit sales increased +8.7% to 98,803 units over January 2000.

In Nova Scotia February 2000, new motor vehicle unit sales (unadjusted) increased +11.8% to 2,758 units over January 2000.

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Subject: Food Services

FOOD SERVICES COMPETITION IN THE 1990'S
Statistics Canada Cat. No. 63-016-XPB

In Canada 1998, food purchases totaled $77.6 billion or 15% of all personal expenditures. Expenditures on meals purchased outside the home increased +42.2% to $26.9 billion over 1989. In 1998 34.7% of total food purchases were for meals outside the home, up from 32.7% in 1989.

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Subject: Composite Index; CPI; Natural Gas

COMPOSITE INDEX March 2000
Statistics Canada Cat. No. 11-010-XPB

In Canada March 2000, the composite leading indicator (1992=100)* increased +1.1% to 160.2 over February 2000.

Nine of ten indices were positive.
The housing index (1992=100) increased +1.1% to 99.2
Business and personal services employment increased +0.3% to 2.4 million.
The TSE 300 stock price index (1975=1000) increased +5.4% to 8,602.
The money supply (M1 1992$) increased +1.8% to $85.6 billion.
The US composite leading indicator (1992=100) increased +0.1% to 108.3
The average workweek (manufacturing) increased +0.5% to 39.0 hours.
New orders, durables (1992$) increased +0.1% to $21.8 billion.
Furniture and appliances sales (1992$) increased +0.9% to $1.4 billion.
Other durable goods sales (1992$) increased +0.8% to $6.7 billion

No indices were negative.

One of ten indices was unchanged
The shipments to inventories of finished goods ratio remained unchanged at 1.92.

CONSUMER PRICE INDEX March 2000
Statistics Canada Cat. No. 62-001-XPB

In Canada March 2000, the consumer price index all-items, not seasonally adjusted (1992=100), increased 0.7% to 112.8 over February 2000, and increased +3.0% over March 1999.

In Nova Scotia March 2000, the consumer price index, all items, not seasonally adjusted (1992=100) increased +0.5% to 113.5 over February 2000, and increased +4.4% over March 1999.

also: http://www.gov.ns.ca/fina/stats.div/brief/prices.htm
http://www.gov.ns.ca/fina/statisti/cpi/cpi1.htm
http://www.gov.ns.ca/fina/statisti/publish/pub20.htm

NATURAL GAS PRODUCTION February 2000
Nova Scotia Petroleum Board

In Nova Scotia February 2000, natural gas production increased +165.5% to 124.5 million cubic meters over January 2000. Year-to-date natural gas production is reported as 171.4 million cubic meters.

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Subject: Manufacturing; Construction Wages

MONTHLY SURVEY OF MANUFACTURING February 2000
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In Canada February 2000, manufacturers' shipments (seasonally adjusted) declined -1.8% to $43 billion over January 2000, and increased +10.3% over February 1999. Inventories increased +1.5% to 56.5 billion over January 2000, and increased 10.4% over February 1999. Unfilled orders declined -0.7% to $54.1 billion over January 2000, and increased +4.2% over February 1999. New orders declined -1.7% to 42.6 billion over January 2000, and increased +4.2% over February 1999.

In Nova Scotia February 2000, manufacturers' shipments (seasonally adjusted) increased +10.2% to $718 million over January 2000.

CONSTRUCTION UNION WAGE RATE INDEX March 2000
Statistics Canada Cat. No. 62-007-XPB

In Canada March 2000, the construction union wage rate index (1992=100) remained unchanged at 114.8 over February 2000, and increased +2.3% over March 1999.

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Subject: Int'l Trade; Wholesale; Local Gov't

CANADIAN INTERNATIONAL MERCHANDISE TRADE February 2000
Statistics Canada Cat. No. 65-001-XPB

In Canada February 2000, merchandise trade exports (seasonally adjusted) declined -2.6% to $32.3 billion over January 2000, and increased +12.9% over February 1999. Year-to-date exports increased +14.0% to $65.5 billion over Jan-Feb 1999.

In Canada February 2000, merchandise trade imports (seasonally adjusted) declined -1.2% to $28.4 billion over January 2000, and increased +7.7% over February 1999. Year-to-date imports increased +8.9% to $57.0 billion over Jan-Feb 1999.

In Canada February 2000, merchandise balance of trade was a surplus of $4.0 billion. The year-to-date balance of trade was a surplus of $8.5 billion.

In Nova Scotia January 2000, merchandise trade exports increased +11.0% to $311.3 million over January 1999. Merchandise trade imports increased +21.2% to $368.1 million over January 1999.

WHOLESALE TRADE February 2000
Statistics Canada Cat. No. 63-008-XIB

In Canada February 2000, wholesale trade sales (seasonally adjusted) declined -1.1% to $30.9 billion over January 2000, and increased +7.4% over February 1999.

In Canada February 2000, whole trade inventories (seasonally adjusted) increased +0.5% to $42.2 billion over January 2000, and increased +5.6% over February 1999.

In Nova Scotia February 2000, wholesale trade sales (seasonally adjusted) increased +5.5% to $561 million over January 2000, and increased +4.3% over February 1999.

LOCAL GOVERNMENT ENTERPRISES, INCOME AND EXPENSES December 31, 1997

In Canada fiscal year ending December 31, 1997, the net income of local government enterprises increased +4.6% to $461.7 million over the previous year. (Total income = $11.6 billion; Total expenses $11.1 billion)

In Nova Scotia fiscal year ending December 31, 1997, the net income of local government enterprises was $0. (Total income and total expenses = $25.7 million).

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MARCH INTENTIONS OF PRINCIPAL FIELD CROP AREAS 2000
Statistics Canada Cat. No. 22-002-XPB

In Canada 2000, seeding intentions for wheat are expected to remain unchanged at 25.8 million acres over 1999. Barley seeding is expected to increase by 22% to 13.3 million acres and Canola acreage is expected to decline -17% to 11.4 million acres over 1999.

In the Maritimes 2000, seeding intentions for barley are expected to decline -2.7% to 130,000 acres over 1999. Wheat seeding is expected to increase 7% to 44,500 acres, and oats seeding is expected to decline by -2.7% to 40,000 acres, over 1999.

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RETAIL TRADE February 2000
Statistics Canada Cat. No. 63-005-XPB

In Canada February 2000, retail trade (seasonally adjusted) declined -1.1% to $16.4 billion over January 2000, and increased +4.9% over February 1999.

In Nova Scotia February 2000, retail sales (seasonally adjusted) increased +3.0% to $694 million over January 2000, and increased +4.4% over February 1999.

INTERNATIONAL TRANSACTIONS IN SECURITIES February 2000
Statistics Canada Cat. No. 67-002-XIB

In Canada February 2000, net foreign investment in Canadian securities was an outflow of -$755 million. Year-to-date net foreign investment in Canadian securities was an inflow of +$3.8 billion.

In Canada February 2000, net Canadian investment in foreign securities was an outflow of -$634 million. Year-to-date net Canadian investment in foreign securities was an outflow of -$5.0 billion.

Note: Outflow indicates an outflow of money from Canada - either Canadians investing abroad, or foreigners withdrawing assets. Inflow indicates an inflow of money into Canada - either Canadians withdrawing assets from abroad or foreigners investing in Canada.

NATURAL GAS SALES February 2000
Statistics Canada Cat. No. 35-001-XIB

In Canada February 2000, natural gas sales increased +7.9% to 7.9 billion cubic metres over February 1999. Year-to-date sales increased +0.9% to 16.0 billion cubic metres.

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GROSS DOMESTIC PRODUCT AT FACTOR COST BY INDUSTRY February 2000
Statistics Canada Cat. No. 15-001-XIE

In Canada February 2000, gross domestic product at factor cost by industry (seasonally adjusted) declined -0.4% to $766.8 billion (annualized) over January 2000, and increased +3.8% over February 1999.

EMPLOYMENT INSURANCE February 2000

In Canada February 2000, the number of beneficiaries receiving regular benefits increased +1.7% to 479,720 over January 2000, and declined -7.3% over February 1999.

In Nova Scotia February 2000, the number of beneficiaries receiving regular benefits increased +0.8% to 28,690 over January 2000, and increased +5.2% over February 1999.

CRUDE OIL AND NATURAL GAS February 2000
Statistics Canada Cat. No. 26-006-XPB
Nova Scotia Petroleum Board

In Canada February 2000, crude oil production increased +9.5% to 10.1 million cubic metres over February 1999. Year-to-date crude oil production increased +7.0% to 20.9 million cubic metres over Jan-Feb 1999.

In Canada February 2000, natural gas production increased +10.2% to 14.0 billion cubic metres over February 1999. Yea-to-date natural gas production increased +5.1% to 28.7 billion cubic metres over Jan-Feb 1999.

In Nova Scotia February 2000, natural gas production increased +165.5% to 124.5 million cubic meters over January 2000. Year-to-date natural gas production is reported as 171.4 million cubic meters.

ELECTRIC POWER STATISTICS February 2000
Statistics Canada Cat. No. 57-001-XIB

In Canada February 2000, net generation of electricity increased +13.9% to 52,013 gigawatt hours (GWh) over February 1999. Year-to-date net generation of electricity increased +10.6% to 108,997 GWh over Jan-Feb 1999.

COAL AND COKE STATISTICS February 2000
Statistics Canada Cat. No. 45-002-XIB

In Canada February 2000, coal production increased +0.2% to 5,877 kilotonnes over February 1999. Year-to-date production increased +0.2% to 11,968 kilotonnes over Jan-Feb 1999.

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EMPLOYMENT, EARNINGS AND HOURS February 2000
Statistics Canada Cat. No. 72-002-XPB

In Canada February 2000, average weekly earnings (seasonally adjusted) increased +0.4% to $622.42 over January 2000, and increased +2.8% over February 1999. Employment (seasonally adjusted) increased +0.2% to 12.0 million over January 2000, and increased +0.1% over February 1999..

In Nova Scotia February 2000, average weekly earnings (seasonally adjusted) remained unchanged at $518.11 over January 2000, and increased +1.4% over February 1999.. Employment (seasonally adjusted) declined -1.2% to 338,000 over January 2000, and remained unchanged over February 1999.

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LABOUR PRODUCTIVITY, HOURLY COMPENSATION AND UNIT LABOUR COST 1999

In Canada 1999, labour productivity increased 1.4% as compared with an increase of 0.5% in 1998, an increase of 2.4% in 1997 and a decline of -0.1% in 1996. (Four year cumulative increase 4.2%)

In Canada 1999, labour hourly compensation increased +1.6% as compared with an increase of 3.8% in 1998, and increase of 5.5% in 1997 and an increase of 1.4% in 1996.

In Canada 1999, unit labour cost increased +0.2% as compared with an increase of 3.3% in 1998, an increase of 3.0% in 1997 and an increase of 1.6% in 1996.

In the US 1999, labour productivity increased 3.2%, as compared with an increase of 2.8% in 1998, an increase of 2.2% in 1997 and an increase of 2.9% in 1996. (Four year cumulative increase 11.5%)

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Subject: Business Conditions; Foreign Control; Business Statistics

QUARTERLY BUSINESS CONDITIONS
SURVEY: MANUFACTURING INDUSTRIES April 2000

In Canada April 2000, manufacturers (53%) expect that during the next three months the volume of production will remain about the same as the last three months and an additional 33% believe that volume will increase.

Orders received by 61% of manufacturers are expected to be about the same as the last quarter, with 32% are expecting increases and 7% declines. 80% consider the present backlog of unfilled orders as about normal, 12%, higher than normal and 8% lower than normal. Most respondents (83%) believe the finished product inventory to be about right while 4% consider levels to be too low, and 13% believe they are too high. 76% believe that employment during the next three months will change little, 14% expect an increase and 10% a decrease.

Most manufacturers (86%) do not foresee any production difficulties. A small number (7%) think that they may experience a skilled labour shortage, 2% an unskilled labour shortage. 1% expect a working capital shortage and 2% a raw material shortage.

FOREIGN CONTROL IN THE CANADIAN ECONOMY 1997
Statistics Canada Cat. No. 61-220-XPB

In Canada 1997, foreign control of Canadian assets increased to 22.6% from 21.7% in 1996, and from 20.5% in 1988. American control of Canadian assets increased +0.8& to 13.0% over 1996.

BUSINESS STATISTICS
Statistics Canada Cat. No. 61c0024
Nova Scotia Business Register

In Nova Scotia 1999, the number of business establishments increased +10.2% to 48,568 over 1998. The number of sole proprietorships and family businesses (no employees) increased 27.9% to 17,051 establishments, and the number of employment class 01 businesses (1 to 4 employees) increased +0.2% to 18,511 establishments. About 97% of all Nova Scotia business establishments employ fewer than 50 employees.

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INDUSTRIAL PRODUCT PRICE INDEX MARCH 2000
Statistics Canada Cat. No. 62-011-XPB

In Canada March 2000, the industrial product price index (1992=100) increased +0.6% to 126.6 over February 2000, and increased +5.5% over March 1999.

RAW MATERIALS PRICE INDEX MARCH 2000
Statistics Canada Cat. No. 62-011-XPB

In Canada March 2000, the raw materials price index (1992=100) increased +2.0% to 142.7 over February 2000, and increased +33.1% over March 1999. The raw materials price index excluding minerals fuels (1992=100) increased +0.9% to 123.7 over February 2000, and increased +8.4% over March 2000.

HOG INVENTORIES April 1, 2000
Statistics Canada Cat. No. 23-603-UPE

In Canada April 1, 2000, the number of hogs declined -0.3% to 12.2 million head over April 1, 1999.

MONTHLY SURVEY OF LARGE RETAILERS February 2000

In Canada February 2000, sales by a group of large retailers (unadjusted for shopping days, composition of group) increased +7.9% to $4.9 billion over February 1999.

RED MEAT CONSUMPTION 1999
Statistics Canada Cat. No. 23-603-UPE

In Canada 1999, consumption of pork increased +1.5% to 27.4 kg per person over 1998. Beef consumption increased +1.3% to 31.0 kg per person over 1998.

INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY SECTOR 1999
Statistics Canada Cat. No. 61C0024
Nova Scotia Business Register

In Nova Scotia 1999, the number of establishments in the information technology sector (ICT) increased +19.9% to 1065 over 1998. Employment in the information technology sector declined -0.7% to 9870 (Statistics Division, NS Department of Finance estimate) over 1998.

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Subject: Short Term Expectations

SHORT TERM EXPECTATIONS

Every month Statistics Canada canvasses a group of economic analysts for forecasts of key economic indicators. Results attached.

The forecast for June 2000;

Consumer Price Index percentage increase (yr/yr) is	+2.6%
Unemployment rate seasonally adjusted	6.8%
Labour force participation seasonally adjusted	65.9%

The forecast for May 2000

Exports ($billions)	$33.1
Imports ($billions)	$29.1

The forecast for April 2000

GDP at FC $1992 (mth/mth) percent increase	+0.4%

In March 2000 the survey results forecast CPI to increase +2.4% while the actual was +3.0%; the unemployment rate was forecast to be 6.9%, and the actual was 6.8%; labour force participation rate was forecast to be 65.6%, while the actual was 65.9%.

In February 2000 the survey results forecast exports to be $31.6 billion, while the actual was $32.5 billion; imports were forecast to be $28.3 billion, while the actual was $28.7 billion; GDP to increase +0.3%, while the actual was -0.4%.

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LABOUR FORCE SURVEY April 2000
Statistics Canada Cat. No. 71-001-PPB

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http://www.gov.ns.ca/fina/stats.div/brief/employ.htm
http://www.gov.ns.ca/fina/statisti/emp/empl1.htm

Finance IntraNet users see
http://iweb.gov.ns.ca/fina/statisti/library.htm

Seasonally Adjusted
(month over month)
In Canada April 2000 labour force remained unchanged at 15.9 million, employment remained unchanged at 14.9 million, unemployment declined -1.6% to 1.1 million, and the unemployment rate remained unchanged at 6.8% over March 2000.

In Nova Scotia April 2000 labour force remained unchanged at 462,000, employment increased +0.5% to 423,000, unemployment declined -4.6% to 39,000 and the unemployment rate declined -0.5 percentage points to 8.4% over March 2000.

Unadjusted
(year over year)
In Canada April 2000 labour force increased +1.3% to 15.8 million, employment increased +2.9% to 14.6 million, unemployment declined -15.4% to 1.1 million, and the unemployment rate declined -1.4 percentage points to 7.1% over April 1999.

In Nova Scotia April 2000 labour force increased +2.1% to 453,200, employment increased + 3.6% to 409,700, unemployment declined -9.9% to 43,500 and the unemployment rate declined -1.3 percentage points to 9.6% over April 1999.

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Subject: Building Permits; Help-wanted Index; Real Estate Industry

BUILDING PERMITS MARCH 2000
Statistics Canada Cat. No. 64-001-XIB

In Canada March 2000, the value of building permits (seasonally adjusted) increased +11.5% to $3.2 billion over February 2000. In the 1st quarter 2000, the value of building permits (seasonally adjusted) declined -1.5% to $9.6 billion over the 4th quarter 1999.

In Nova Scotia March 2000, the value of building permits (seasonally adjusted) increased +23.1% to $81.2 million over February 2000. In the 1st quarter 2000, the value of building permits (seasonally adjusted) declined -16.3% to $209.9 million over the 4th quarter 1999.

HELP-WANTED INDEX April 2000

In Canada April 2000, the help-wanted index (1996=100) seasonally adjusted and smoothed, declined -2.3% to 167 over March 2000, and increased +7.1% over April 1999.

In Nova Scotia April 2000, the help-wanted index (1996=100) seasonally adjusted ans smoothed, increased +1.8% to 172 over March 2000, and increased +4.9% over April 1999.

REAL ESTATE RENTAL AND LEASING AND PROPERTY MANAGEMENT SERVICE INDUSTRY 1997

In Canada 1997, the total operating revenues of real estate rental and leasing and property management industry stood at $29.4 billion. Total operating revenues were $20.8 billion. The gross profit margin was 29.2%

In Nova Scotia 1997, the total operating revenues of real estate rental and leasing and property management industry stood at $535.9 million. Total operating revenues were $394.3 million. The gross profit margin was 26.4%

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Subject: Field Crops; Dept Store Sales

FIELD CROP REPORTING SERIES: GRAIN STOCKS MARCH 31, 2000
Statistics Canada Cat. No. 22-002-XPB

In Canada March 31, 2000, the total stocks of wheat increased 1% to 15.2 metric tonnes (stocks on farms = 10.1 million metric tonnes; commercial stocks = 5.1 million metric tonnes) over March 31, 1999.

In the Maritimes March 31, 2000, the stocks of wheat on farms remained unchanged at 10,000 metric tonnes over March 31, 1999. Stocks of barley declined to 45,000 metric tonnes from 55,000 metric tonnes.

DEPARTMENT STORE SALES MARCH 2000

In Canada March 2000, department store sales including concessions (unadjusted) increased +3.0% to $1.3 billion over March 1999. Year-to-date sales increased +3.2% to $3.3 billion over Jan-Mar 1999.

In Nova Scotia March 2000, department store sales including concessions (unadjusted) declined -3.9% to $37.6 million over March 1999. Year-to-date sales declined -0.5% to $94.6 million over Jan-Mar 1999.

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Subject: Telecommunications; Farm Price Index

TELECOMMUNICATIONS STATISTICS 3RD QUARTER 1999
Statistics Canada Cat. No. 56-002-XIB

In Canada 3rd quarter 1999, telecommunications industry operating revenues increased +0.1% to $7.2 billion over the 2nd quarter 1999. Operating expenses increased +0.1% to $6.1 billion, and operating margin increased +0.4% to $1.1 billion over the 2nd quarter. Employment declined -2.2% to 78,077 over the 2nd quarter.

FARM INPUT PRICE INDEX 1999

In Canada 1999, the farm input price index (1992=100) increased +0.3% to 117.0 over 1998.

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Subject: Education Price Index; Petroluem Sales

EDUCATION PRICE INDEX 1998

In Canada 1998, the education price index (1992=100) increased +1.2% to 107.9 over 1997. The EPI for the salaries and wages component increased +1.2% to 104.2, and the EPI for non-salary component increased +0.8% to 125.4

DOMESTIC SALES OF REFINED PETROLEUM PRODUCTS March 2000

In Canada March 2000, sales of refined petroleum products declined -3.5% to 7.4 million cubic metres over March 1999. Year-to-date sales increased +0.4% to 22.6 million cubic metres over Jan-Mar 1999.

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Subject: Air Charters; Television Viewing

AIR CHARTER STATISTICS

In Canada 3rd quarter 1999, domestic charter flights increased +10.0% to 485,088 passengers over the 3rd quarter 1998. International charters declined -0.4% to 1.2 million passengers over the 3rd quarter 1998.

TELEVISION VIEWING 1998
Statistics Canada Cat. No. 87-004-XPB Winter 99

In Canada 1998, the average hours per week of television viewing was 22.2 hours. Males 18+ years of age averaged 21.3 hours per week. females 18+ averaged 26.2 hrs/week, teens aged 12 to 17 averaged 15.8 hrs/week, and children aged 2 to 11 averaged 16.4 hrs/week.

In Nova Scotia 1998, the average hours per week of television viewing was 23.4 hours. Males 18+ years of age averaged 22.4 hours per week. females 18+ averaged 27.0 hrs/week, teens aged 12 to 17 averaged 16.7 hrs/week, and children aged 2 to 11 averaged 18.7 hrs/week.

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Subject: Housing Price Index; Construction Price Index

NEW HOUSING PRICE INDEX MARCH 2000
Statistics Canada Cat. No. 62-007-XPB

In Canada March 2000, the new housing price index (1992=100) increased +0.1% to 102.5 over February 2000, and increased +2.0% over March 1999.

In Halifax March 2000, the new housing price index (1992=100) remained unchanged at 113.7 over February 2000, and increased +3.3% over March 1999.

NON_RESIDENTIAL BUILDING CONSTRUCTION PRICE INDEX 1ST QUARTER 2000
Statistics Canada Cat. No. 62-007-XPB

In Canada 1st quarter 2000, the non-residential building construction price composite index (1992=100) increased +1.3% to 116.9 over 4th quarter 1999, and increased +3.2% over the 1st quarter 1999.

In Halifax 1st quarter 2000, the non-residential building construction price index (1992=100) increased +1.0% to 107.9 over the 4th quarter 1999, and increased +2.1% over the 1st quarter 1999.

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Subject: Motor Vehicle Sales; Machinery and Equipment Price Index; Pipeline Transportation

MOTOR VEHICLE SALES MARCH 2000
Statistics Canada Cat. No. 63-007-XIB

In Canada March 2000, new motor vehicle unit sales (seasonally adjusted) increased +6.5% to 134,902 units over February 2000, and increased +8.8% over March 1999.

In Nova Scotia March 2000, new motor vehicle unit sales (seasonally adjusted) increased +3.8% to 3,871 units over February 2000, and increased +15.0% over March 1999.

MACHINERY AND EQUIPMENT PRICE INDEX 1ST QUARTER 2000
Statistics Canada Cat. No. 62-007-XPB

In Canada 1st quarter 2000, the machinery and equipment price index (1986=100) declined -0.5% to 131.7 over the 4th quarter 1999, and declined -1.3% over the 1st quarter 1999.

PIPELINE TRANSPORTATION OF CRUDE OIL AND REFINED PETROLEUM PRODUCTS February 2000
Statistics Canada Cat. No. 55-001-XIB

In Canada February 2000, net receipts of crude oil and equivalent hydrocarbons increased +10.2% to 12.6 million cubic metres over February 1999. Year-to-date net receipts increased +8.4% to 25.6 million cubic metres over Jan-Feb 1999.

In Canada February 2000, net receipts of liquefied petroleum gases and refined petroleum products increased +3.3% to 6.7 million cubic metres over February 1999. Year-to-date net receipts increased +2.8% to 13.7 million cubic metres over Jan-Feb 1999.

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Subject: Manufacturing; Apt Bldg Construction Price Index

MONTHLY SURVEY OF MANUFACTURING MARCH 2000
Statistics Canada Cat. No. 31-001-XPB

In Canada March 2000, manufacturers' shipments (seasonally adjusted) increased +3.8% to $44.9 billion over February 2000, and increased +13.0% over March 1999.

Inventories increased +1.5% to 57.4 billion over February 2000, and increased 11.7% over March 1999. Unfilled orders declined -0.3% to $53.9 billion over February 2000, and increased +4.2% over March 1999. New orders increased +4.5% to 44.7 billion over February 2000, and increased +13.3% over March 1999. The inventory to shipment ratio declined to 1.28 from 1.31 in February 2000, and 1.29 in March 1999.

In Nova Scotia March 2000, manufacturers' shipments (seasonally adjusted) increased +0.6% to $722 million over February 2000.

APARTMENT BUILDING CONSTRUCTION PRICE INDEX 1ST QUARTER 2000
Statistics Canada Cat. No. 62-007-XPB

In Canada 1st quarter 2000, the apartment building construction price composite index (1992=100) increased +1.1% to 115.6 over the 4th quarter 1999, and increased +2.7% over the 1st quarter 1999.

In Halifax 1st quarter 2000, the apartment building construction price index (1992=100) increased +1.2% to 110.0 over the 4th quarter 1999, and increased +2.7% over the 1st quarter 1999.

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WHOLESALE TRADE MARCH 2000
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In Canada March 2000, wholesale merchants' sales increased +2.0% to $31.6 billion over February 2000, and increased +8.7% over March 1999. Wholesale merchants' inventories declined -0.2% to $42.0 billion over February 2000, and increased +4.9% over March 1999.

In Nova Scotia March 2000, wholesale merchants' sales declined -1.1% to $575 million over February 2000, and increased +5.4% over March 1999.

TRAVEL BETWEEN CANADA AND OTHER COUNTRIES MARCH 2000
Statistics Canada Cat. No. 66-001-PIB

In Canada March 2000, the number of Canadian trips abroad (seasonally adjusted) increased +1.6% to 4.1 million trips over February 2000. Trips abroad (unadjusted) increased +9.1% to 4.3 million trips over March 1999.

In Canada March 2000, the number of foreigner trips to Canada (seasonally adjusted) increased +2.3% to 4.2 million trips over February 2000. Trips to Canada (unadjusted) increased +3.0% to 3.1 million trips over March 1999.

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CONSUMER PRICE INDEX April 2000
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In Canada April 2000, the consumer price index all-items, not seasonally adjusted (1992=100), declined -0.4% to 112.4 over March 2000, and increased +2.1% over April 1999.

In Nova Scotia April 2000, the consumer price index, all items, not seasonally adjusted (1992=100) declined -0.4% to 113.1 over March 2000, and increased +3.1% over April1999.

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RETAIL TRADE
Statistics Canada Cat. No. 63-005-XPB

In Canada March 2000, retail sales (seasonally adjusted) increased +2.1% to $22.8 billion over February 2000, and increased +6.7% over March 1999.

In Nova Scotia March 2000, retail sales increased +1.4% to $708 million over February 2000, and increased +5.9% over March 1999.

CONSTRUCTION UNION WAGE RATE INDEX April 2000
Statistics Canada Cat. No. 62-007-XPB

In Canada April 2000, the construction union wage rate index (1992=100) remained unchanged at 114.8 over March 2000.

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Subject: Int'l Merchandise Trade; Internet Use

CANADIAN INTERNATIONAL MERCHANDISE TRADE March 2000
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In Canada March 2000, merchandise trade exports (seasonally adjusted) increased +4.5% to $33.5 billion over February 2000, and increased +16.3% over March 1999. Year-to-date exports increased +14.4% to $98.7 billion over Jan-Mar 1999.

In Canada March 2000, merchandise trade imports (seasonally adjusted) increased +3.7% to $29.6 billion over February 2000, and increased +12.5% over March 1999. Year-to-date imports increased +10.5% to $87.0 billion over Jan-Mar 1999.

In Canada March 2000, merchandise balance of trade was a surplus of $3.9 billion. The year-to-date balance of trade was a surplus of $11.7 billion.

In Nova Scotia February 2000, merchandise trade exports (seasonally adjusted) increased +9.0% to $336.6 million over January 2000, and increased +16.1% over February 1999. Year-to-date exports increased +13.2% to $645.5 million over Jan-Feb 1999.

In Nova Scotia February 2000, merchandise trade imports (seasonally adjusted) increased +30.3% to $480.1 million over January 2000, and increased +46.0% over February 1999. Year-to-date imports increased +34.2% to $848.5 million over Jan-Feb 1999.

HOUSEHOLD INTERNET USE 1999

In Canada 1999, internet use from **any location** by households with at least one regular user increased to 41.8% of households from 35.9% in 1998. Internet use from the home in 1999 increased to 28.7% of households from 16.0% in 1998. Internet use from the workplace declined to 21.9% of households from 23.3% in 1998.

In Nova Scotia 1999, internet use from **any location** by households with at least one regular user increased to 41.1% of households from 37.9% in 1998. Internet use from the home in 1998 increased to 26.7% of households from 23.7% 1998. Internet use from the workplace declined to 19.7% of households from 22.9% in 1998.

In Halifax (CMA) in 1999, internet use from **any location** by households with at least one regular user increased to 52.4% of households from 50.3% in 1998. Halifax ranked 4th in 1999 behind Calgary (60.1%), Ottawa (59.9%)
and Victoria (56.4%).

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MONTHLY SURVEY OF LARGE RETAILERS

In Canada March 2000, sales for the group of large retailers (unadjusted) increased +8.1% to $5.7 billion over March 1999.

NATURAL GAS SALES MARCH 2000
Statistics Canada Cat. No. 55-002-XIB

In Canada March 2000, natural gas sales declined -4.3% to 7.5 billion cubic metres over March 1999. Year-to-date sales increased +3.8% to 23.4 billion cubic metres over Jan-Mar 1999.

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COMPOSITE INDEX April 2000
Statistics Canada Cat. No. 11-010-XPB

In Canada April 2000, the composite leading indicator (1992=100)* increased +0.9% to 161.6 over March 2000.

Six of ten indices were positive.

Business and personal services employment increased +0.3% to 2.4 million.
The TSE 300 stock price index (1975=1000) increased +4.2% to 8,967.
The money supply (M1 1992$) increased +2.6% to $88.1 billion.
The US composite leading indicator (1992=100) increased +0.1% to 108.4
The average workweek (manufacturing) increased +0.3% to 39.1 hours.
Furniture and appliances sales (1992$) increased +0.6% to $1.4 billion.

Four of ten indices were negative.
The housing index (1992=100) declined -0.3% to 99.9
New orders, durables (1992$) declined 0.3% to $21.9 billion.
The shipments to inventories of finished goods ratio declined to 1.90 from 1.91.
Other durable goods sales (1992$) declined -0.4% to $6.7 billion

EMPLOYMENT INSURANCE MARCH 2000

In Canada March 2000, the number of beneficiaries (seasonally adjusted) receiving regular benefits declined -1.7% to 471,430 over February 2000, and declined -8.5% over March 1999.

In Nova Scotia March 2000, the number of beneficiaries (seasonally adjusted) receiving regular benefits declined -3.8% to 27,610 over February 2000, and increased +0.4% over March 1999.

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CANADA'S INTERNATIONAL TRANSACTIONS IN SECURITIES MARCH 2000
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In Canada March 2000, net foreign investment in Canadian securities was an inflow of $14.2 billion. Year-to-date net foreign investment in Canadian securities was an inflow of +$18.8 billion.

In Canada March 2000, net Canadian investment in foreign securities was an outflow of -$6.0 billion. Year-to-date net Canadian investment in foreign securities was an outflow of -$12.3 billion.

Note: Outflow indicates an outflow of money from Canada - either Canadians investing abroad, or foreigners withdrawing assets. Inflow indicates an inflow of money into Canada - either Canadians withdrawing assets from abroad or foreigners investing in Canada.

NET FARM INCOME AND FARM CASH RECEIPTS 1ST QUARTER 2000
Statistics Canada Cat. No. 21-603-UPE, 21-001-XIB

In Canada 1999, net cash income increased +1.9% to $6.4 billion over 1998. Total net income increased +13.5% to $3.0 billion over 1998.

In Nova Scotia 1999, net cash income increased +24% to $93 million over 1998. Total net income increased +31.7% to $54 million over 1998.

In Canada 1st quarter 2000, farm cash receipts increased +1.4% to $7.9 billion over Jan-Mar 1999.

In Nova Scotia 1st quarter 2000, farm cash receipts increased +5.8% to $91 million over Jan-Mar 1999.

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NDUSTRIAL PRODUCT PRICE INDEX APRIL 2000
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In Canada April 2000, the industrial product price index (1992=100) remained unchanged at 126.8 over March 2000, and increased +5.6% over April 1999.

RAW MATERIALS PRICE INDEX APRIL 2000
Statistics Canada Cat. No. 62-011-XPB

In Canada April 2000, the raw materials price index (1992=100) declined -6.0% to 134.1 over March 2000, and increased 19.7% over April 1999.

In Canada April 2000, the raw materials product price index (1922=100) excluding minerial fuels increased +0.5% to 124.2 over March 2000, and increased +8.1% over April 1999.

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YOUTH COURT STATISTICS 1998/99
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In Canada 1998/99, youth courts heard 106,665 cases, a decline of 3.8% over 1997/98.

In Canada 1998/99, the rate of youth court cases declined -4.4% to 435 cases per 10,000 youths, over 1997/98.

In Nova Scotia 1998/99, the rate of youth court cases declined -8.7% to 419 cases per 10,000 youths.

EMPLOYMENT EARNINGS AND HOURS MARCH 2000
Statistics Canada Cat. No. 72-002-XPB

In Canada March 2000, average weekly earnings (seasonally adjusted) increased +0.3% to $624.11 over February 2000, and increased +3.0% over March 1999. Employment increased +0.1% to 12.1 million over February 2000.

In Nova Scotia March 2000, average weekly earnings (seasonally adjusted) increased +1.3% to $524.03 over February 2000, and increased +2.0% over March 1999. Employment declined -0.3% to 337,000 over February 2000.

EDUCATION IN CANADA 1999
Statistics Canada Cat. No. 81-229-XIB

In Canada 1996/97, expenditures on education declined -1.6% to $58.1 billion over 1995/96

In Nova Scotia 1996/97, education expenditures increased +0.6% to $1.6 billion over 1995/96.

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INTERNATIONAL TRAVEL ACCOUNT 1ST QUARTER 2000

In Canada 1st quarter 2000, the international travel account (seasonally adjusted) posted a deficit of $172 million.

Canadian expenditures while traveling abroad declined -4.9% to $4.2 billion over the 4th quarter 1999 and increased +3.6% over 1st quarter 1999.

Visitors to Canada expenditures increased +3.7% to $4.1 billion over the 4th quarter 1999, and increased +3.6% over the 1st quarter 1999.

CHARACTERISTICS OF INTERNATIONAL TRAVELERS 1999

In Canada 1999, foreigner visits increased +6.4% to 19.4 million trips over 1998. The majority (78% or 15.2 million) came from the United States, an increase of 1.9% over 1998.

In Atlantic Canada, overnight visits from the United States increased +8.7% to 1.1 million over 1998. Overseas visits from other than US countries increased +29.3% to 400,000 over 1998.

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NATIONAL ECONOMIC AND FINANCIAL ACCOUNTS 1ST QUARTER 2000
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In Canada 1st quarter 2000. gross domestic product at market prices (seasonally adjusted at annual rates, 1992$) increased +1.2% to $908.0 billion over the 4th quarter 2000. The annualized change was +4.9% and year-over-year growth was +4.9%.

In the 1st quarter, consumer spending increased +0.8%; exports increased +3.3%; corporate profits increased +7.1%; labour income increased +1.9%

Note: GDP at market prices in current dollars (seasonally adjusted at annual rates) increased +2.1% to **$1.0 trillion** over the 4th quarter 1999.

BALANCE OF INTERNATIONAL PAYMENTS 1ST QUARTER 2000
Statistics Canada Cat. NO. 67-001-XPB

In Canada 1st quarter 2000, the current account surplus (seasonally adjusted) increased to $4.8 billion from a $337 million deficit in the 4th quarter 1999. In 1999 (year-to-date) the current account deficit was $3.4 billion, and in 1998 the deficit was $16.3 billion.

GROSS DOMESTIC PRODUCT BY INDUSTRY AT FACTOR COST MARCH 2000
Statistics Canada Cat. No. 15-001-XPB

In Canada March 2000, GDP at factor cost in 1992 prices (seasonally adjusted) increased +0.7% to $774.3 billion (annualized) over February 2000 and increased +4.7% over March 1999.

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DEPARTMENT STORE SALES AND STOCKS April 2000

In Canada April 2000, department store sales (unadjusted) including concessions increased +3.9% to $1.4 billion over April 1999. Year-to-date sales increased +3.4% to $4.7 billion over Jan-Apr 1999.

DOMESTIC SALES OF REFINED PETROLEUM April 2000

In Canada April 2000, sales of refined petroleum products declined -4.9% to 6.8 million cubic metres over April 1999. Year-to-date sales declined -0.6% to 29.5 million cubic metres over Jan-Apr 1999.

AVERAGE AIR FARES 1983 - 1998
Statistics Canada Cat. No. 51-004-XIB

In Canada 1998, average domestic air fares declined -3,.5% to $192.70 over 1994.

In Halifax 1998, average domestic air fare increased +4.5% to $196.70 over 1994.

Note: Average domestic air fares are the average of all coupons originating 10 major Canadian cities, for all domestic destinations.

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PIPELINE TRANSPORTATION OF CRUDE OIL AND REFINED PETROLEUM PRODUCTS MARCH 2000
Statistics Canada Cat. No. 55-001-XIB

In Canada March 2000, net receipts of crude oil and equivalent hydrocarbons increased +7.3% to 13.2 million cubic metres over March 1999. Year-to-date net receipts increased +8.0% to 38.9 million cubic metres over Jan-Mar 1999.

In Canada March 2000, net receipts of liquefied petroleum gases and refined petroleum products increased +11.7% to 7.0 million cubic metres over March 1999. Year-to-date net receipts increased +5.6% to 20.6 million cubic metres over Jan-Mar 1999.

URBAN TRANSIT 1999
Statistics Canada Cat. No. 53F0003XIE

In Canada between 1995 and 1999, urban transit revenues increased +4.5% per year to $1.9 billion, while rideship increased +1.4%, per year to 1.4 billion passengers.

Of urbanites traveling to work, 80% use own vehicles, 10% use urban transit, 7% walk and the remainer use bicycles, etc.

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BUILDING PERMITS APRIL 2000
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In Canada April 2000, the value of building permits (seasonally adjusted) declined -8.9% to $2.9 billion over March 2000, and increased +3.2% over April 1999.

In Nova Scotia April 2000, the value of building permits (seasonally adjusted) increased +92.1% to $156.2 million over March 2000, and increased +140.5% over April 1999.

INDUSTRIAL CAPACITY UTILIZATION RATES 1ST QUARTER 2000

In Canada 1st quarter 2000, the industrial capacity utilization of non-farm goods producing industries increased +1.1% to 87.6% over the 4th quarter 1999, and increased +4.3% over the 1st quarter 1999.

HELP-WANTED INDEX May 2000

In Canada May 2000, the help-wanted index (1996=100) seasonally adjusted and smoothed, increased +1.2% to 169 over April 2000, and increased +7.0% over May 1999.

In Nova Scotia May 2000, the help-wanted index (1996=100) seasonally adjusted and smoothed declined -0.6% to 171 over April 2000, and increased 3.6% over May 1999.

INCOME TAXES IN CANADA AND THE UNITED STATES 1997
Statistics Canada Cat. No. 75-001-XPE, Summer 2000

In Canada 1997, the average effective tax rate for all families was 16.4%, while in the United States, the comparable rate was 13.8%.

In Canada 1997, a family with a $40,000 income paid about $6,900 in income tax compared with $5,200 for a U.S. family.

In families earning $10,000 to $24,999 the average effective tax rates are the same (6.2%) in both countries. In families earning less than $10,001 the effective rate in Canada is 1.0% and in the U.S. 2.3%. For all families earning over $25,000 the effective rates are higher in Canada than in the U.S.

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NATURAL GAS PRODUCTION April 2000
Nova Scotia Petroleum Board

In Nova Scotia April 2000, total natural gas production increased +12.4% to 276.6 million cubic metres over March 2000. Year-to-date production was 693.5 million cubic metres.

TELECOMMUNICATIONS STATISTICS 4TH QUARTER 1999
Statistics Canada Cat. No. 56-002-XIB

In Canada 4th quarter 1999, operating revenues increased +4.5% to $7.5 billion over the 3rd quarter 1999. The operating margins were 16.5% ($1.2 billion) of operating revenues. Full-time employment declined -02% to 77,900 .

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LABOUR FORCE SURVEY May 2000
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Seasonally Adjusted
(month over month)
In Canada May 2000 labour force increased +0.1% to 16.0 million, employment increased +0.3% to 14.9 million, unemployment declined -2.1% to 1.1 million, and the unemployment rate
declined -0.2 percentage points to 6.6% over April 2000.

In Nova Scotia May 2000 labour force declined -0.9% to 457,700, employment declined -0.6% to 420,300, unemployment declined -3.8% to 37,500 and the unemployment rate declined -0.2 percentage points to 8.2% over April 2000.

Unadjusted
(year over year)
In Canada May 2000 labour force increased +1.5% to 16.1 million, employment increased +3.0% to 15.0 million, unemployment declined -14.8% to 1.1 million, and the unemployment rate declined -1.3 percentage points to 6.8% over May 1999.

In Nova Scotia May 2000 labour force increased +1.1% to 464,700, employment increased +2.9% to 424,300, unemployment declined -15.1% to 40,400 and the unemployment rate declined -1.7 percentage points to 8.7% over May 1999.

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LABOUR FORCE SURVEY May 2000
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Subject: Enterprise Financial Statistics; Housing Price Index

QUARTERLY FINANCIAL STATISTICS FOR ENTERPRISES 1ST QUARTER 2000

In Canada 1st quarter 2000, Canadian corporation operating profits increased +12.3% to $53.3 billion over the 4th quarter 1999. After tax profits declined -4.5% to $31.5 billion. Operating revenues increased +2.2% to $506.0 billion.

NEW HOUSING PRICE INDEX APRIL 2000
Statistics Canada Cat. No. 62-007-XPB

In Canada April 2000, the new housing price index (1992=100) increased +0.2% to 102.7 over March 2000, and increased +2.1% over April 1999.

In Halifax April 2000, the new housing price index (1992=100) increased +1.4% to 115.3 over March 2000, and increased +4.7% over April 1999.

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Subject: Children; Family Income

TIME SPENT WITH CHILDREN 1998
Statistics Canada Cat. No. 11-008-XIE Summer 2000

In Canada 1998, for children under the age of 5 years, full-time employed mothers averaged about 6.4 hours per day, while full-time employed fathers averaged 4.3 hours per day with them.

For children aged 5 to 8 years, full-time employed mothers averaged about 5.0 hours per day, while full-time employed fathers averaged 3.4 hours per day with them.

For children aged 9 to 12 years, full-time employed mothers averaged about 3.8 hours per day, while full-time employed fathers averaged 3.0 hours per day with them.

For children aged 13 to 14 years, full-time employed mothers averaged about 2.6 hours per day, while full-time employed fathers averaged 2.7 hours per day with them

FAMILY INCOME 1998
Statistics Canada Cat. No. 75-202-XIE

In Canada 1998, average family (2 or more persons) after-tax income increased +3.3% to $49,426 over 1997. Unattached individual average after tax income increased +2.4% to $21,067.

In Nova Scotia 1998, average family (2 or more persons) after tax income increased +3.1% to $41,499 over 1997. Unattached individual average after tax income increased +1.1% to $17,147.

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NEW MOTOR VEHICLE SALES APRIL 2000
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In Canada April 2000, new motor vehicle unit sales (seasonally adjusted) declined -1.1% to 133,188 units over March 2000, and increased +4.2% over April 1999.

In Canada April 2000, new motor vehicle unit sales (unadjusted) increased +3.3% to 147,627 units over April 1999.

In Nova Scotia April 2000, new motor vehicle unit sales (seasonally adjusted) increased +3.3% to 3,999 units over March 2000, and increased +12.7% over April 1999.

In Nova Scotia April 2000, new motor vehicle unit sales (unadjusted) increased +11.4% to 4,920 units over April 1999.

LITERACY IN THE INFORMATION AGE 1994
Statistics Canada Cat. No. 89-571-XPE

In a recent study of literacy skills in 20 countries, Canada ranked 5th on the prose scale, 8th on the document scale, and 9th on the arithmetic scale. In comparison, the United States ranked 10th on the prose scale, 13th on the document scale, and 12th on the arithmetic scale.

Prose scale - skills needed to understand text.
Document scale - skills needed to understand maps, forms.
Arithmetic scale - skills required to apply mathematics.

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MONTHLY SURVEY OF MANUFACTURING APRIL 2000
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In Canada April 2000, manufacturers' shipments (seasonally adjusted) declined -2.8% to $43.5 billion over March 2000, and increased +9.3% over April 1999.

Inventories (seasonally adjusted) increased +0.9% to $57.9 billion over March 2000, and increased +11.5% over April 1999.

Unfilled orders declined -0.1% to $53.7 billion over March 2000, and increased +4.9% over April 1999.

New orders declined -2.3% to $43.4 billion over March 2000, and increased +10.7% over April 1999.

The inventories to shipments ratio increased to 1.33 compared to 1.28 in March 2000, and 1.31 in April 1999.

In Nova Scotia April 2000, manufacturers' shipments (seasonally adjusted) declined -6.2% to $677 million over March 2000.

PER-CAPITA FOOD CONSUMPTION 1999
Statistics Canada Cat. No. 32-229-XIB

In Canada 1999, annual consumption of poultry has increased to 33.2kg per capita from 28.1kg in 1990.

There was also increased consumption of cheese (11.9kg in 1999; 11.0kg in 1990), rice (8.0kg in 1999; 4.9kg in 1990) and cream (6.3 litres in 1999; 5.2 litres in 1990).

Per capita consumption of milk declined to 87.5 litres in 1999 from 95.4 litres in 1990, while consumption of soft drinks increased to 117 litres from 100 litres in 1990.

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CONSUMER PRICE INDEX May 2000
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In Nova Scotia May 2000, the consumer price index, all items, not seasonally adjusted (1992=100) increased +0.4% to 113.5 over April 2000, and increased +3.3% over May 1999.

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TRAVEL BETWEEN CANADA AND OTHER COUNTRIES APRIL 2000
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In Canada April 2000, foreigner trips (seasonally adjusted) to Canada declined -0.6% to 4.2 million trips over March 2000. Year-over-year trips (unadjusted) increased +1.0% to 3.4 million trips over April 1999.

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Subject: Freight Carriers; Environment

FOR-HIRE MOTOR CARRIERS OF FREIGHT 1ST QUARTER 2000

In Canada 1st quarter 2000, average revenue per carrier (about $20.1 million) for the top 82 for-hire motor carriers of freight increased +14% over the 1st quarter 1999. In the 1st quarter total operating revenues for the top carriers was $1.65 billion.

Average operating expenses also increased 14% to $19.1 million over the 1st quarter 1999. Fuel expenditures increased 34% over the 1st quarter 1999.

THE IMPORTANCE OF NATURE TO CANADIANS
THE ECONOMIC SIGNIFICANCE OF NATURE RELATED ACTIVITIES

In Canada 1996, Canadians spent $11.0 billion on nature related activities. (28.4% on equipment, 23.5% on transportation, 18.4% on food, 12.7% on accommodation, 5.8% on other items such as entry fees). Nature related activities contributed $11.4 billion to national GDP, generated $5.1 billion in government revenue, and sustained 201,400 jobs.

In 1996, Nova Scotia residents spent $244.8 million on nature related activities (31.2% on transportation, 21.1% on equipment, 18.8% on food, 10.9% on accommodation, 6.1% on other items such as entry fees).. Nature related activities contributed $242.3 to provincial GDP, generated $81.8 million in government revenue, and sustained 4,850 jobs.

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CANADIAN INTERNATIONAL MERCHANDISE TRADE APRIL 2000
Statistics Canada Cat. No. 65-001-XPB
Stategis: http://strategis.ic.gc.ca/sc_mrkti/tdst/engdoc/tr_homep.html

In Canada April 2000, merchandise trade exports (seasonally adjusted) declined -3.0% to $32.8 billion over March 2000, and increased +14.0% over April 1999. Year-to-date exports increased +14.5% to $132.0 billion over Jan-Apr 1999.

In Canada April 2000, merchandise trade imports (seasonally adjusted) declined -0.3% to $29.6 billion over March 2000, and increased +12.6% over April 1999. Year-to-date imports increased +10.8% to $116.7 billion over Jan-Apr1999.

In Canada April 2000, merchandise balance of trade was a surplus of $3.2 billion. The year-to-date balance of trade was a surplus of $15.3 billion.

In Nova Scotia March 2000, merchandise trade exports (seasonally adjusted) increased +9.1% to $369.1 million over February 2000, and increased +13.3% over March 1999. Year-to-date exports increased +13.7% to $1.0 billion over Jan-Mar 1999.

In Nova Scotia March 2000, merchandise trade imports (seasonally adjusted) increased +16.4% to $559.1 million over February 2000, and increased +42.0% over March 1999. Year-to-date imports increased +37.6% to $1.4 billion over Jan-Apr 1999.

WHOLESALE TRADE APRIL 2000
Statistics Canada Cat. No. 63-008-XIB

In Canada April 2000, wholesale merchants' sales declined -2.0% to $31.6 billion over March 2000, and increased +8.5% over April 1999. Wholesale merchants' inventories increased +0.7% to $42.6 billion over March 2000, and increased +7.3% over April 1999.

In Nova Scotia April 2000, wholesale merchants' sales declined -2.9% to $558 million over March 2000, and declined -6.9% over April 1999.

NATURAL GAS SALES APRIL 2000
Statistics Canada Cat. No. 55-002-XIB

In Canada April 2000, natural gas sales increased +10.5% to 6.2 billion cubic metres over April 1999. Year-to-date sales increased +6.2% to 30.5 billion cubic metres over Jan-Apr 1999.

In Nova Scotia February 2000, natural gas sales were 115 million cubic metres. Year-to-dates sales were 153.7 million cubic metres.

DEMOGRAPHIC STATISTICS 1ST QUARTER 2000
Statistics Canada Cat. No. 91-002-XIB

In Canada 1st quarter 2000, the population annual growth rate was 0.2%. As of 1 April 2000 the population was estimated to be 30,666,864.

In Nova Scotia 1st quarter 2000 the population annual growth rate was 0.0%. As of 1 April 2000 the population was estimated to be 942,177.

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RETAIL TRADE APRIL 2000
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In Canada April 2000, retail sales (seasonally adjusted) declined -1.2% to $22.6 billion over March 2000, and increased +5.7% over April 1999.

In Nova Scotia April 2000, retail sales declined -1.5% to $696 million over March 2000, and increased +7.1% over April 1999.

COMPOSITE INDEX May 2000
Statistics Canada Cat. No. 11-010-XPB

In Canada May 2000, the composite leading indicator (1992=100)* increased +0.7% to 162.7 over April 2000.

Eight of ten indices were positive.
Business and personal services employment increased +0.3% to 2.4 million.
The TSE 300 stock price index (1975=1000) increased +1.9% to 9,134.
The money supply (M1 1992$) increased +1.7% to $89.6 billion.
The US composite leading indicator (1992=100) increased +0.1% to 108.5
New orders, durables (1992$) increased +1.4% to $22.3 billion.
The shipments to inventories of finished goods ratio increased to 1.92 from 1.91.
Furniture and appliances sales (1992$) increased +0.4% to $1.5 billion.
Other durable goods sales (1992$) increased +1.5% to $6.8 billion

One of ten indices was negative.
The housing index (1992=100) declined -0.1% to 100.1

One of ten indices was unchanged.
The average workweek remained unchanged at 39.0 hours.

EMPLOYMENT INSURANCE APRIL 2000

In Canada April 2000, the number of beneficiaries (seasonally adjusted) receiving regular benefits declined -1.3% to 465,470 over March 2000, and declined -9.5% over April 1999.

In Nova Scotia March 2000, the number of beneficiaries (seasonally adjusted) receiving regular benefits declined -4.1% to 26,470 over March 2000, and increased +1.1% over April 1999.

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CANADA'S INTERNATIONAL TRANSACTIONS IN SECURITIES APRIL 2000
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In Canada April 2000, net foreign investment in Canadian securities was an inflow of $8.0 billion. Year-to-date net foreign investment in Canadian securities was an inflow of +$26.2 billion.

In Canada April 2000, net Canadian investment in foreign securities was an outflow of -$3.0 billion. Year-to-date net Canadian investment in foreign securities was an outflow of -$15.8 billion.

Note: Outflow indicates an outflow of money from Canada - either Canadians investing abroad, or foreigners withdrawing assets. Inflow indicates an inflow of money into Canada - either Canadians withdrawing assets from abroad or foreigners investing in Canada.

CONTROL AND SALE OF ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES 1998/99
Statistics Canada Cat. No. 63-202-XIB

In Canada 1998/99, net income (to gov'ts) from the sale of alcoholic beverages increased +4.6% to $3.6 billion over 1997/98. Total sales per capita for the year ending March 31, 1999 were 102.6 litres (Beer = 85.3 litres; Wines = 11.2 litres; Spirits = 6.1 litres).

In Nova Scotia 1998/99, net income (to the province) from the sale of alcoholic beverages increased +8.7% to $136 million over 1997/98. Total sales per capita for the year ending March 31, 1999 were 91.9 litres (Beer = 77.8 litres; Wines = 6.7 litres; Spirits = 7.4 litres) an increase of +4.4% over the previous year.

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Subject: Large Retailers; Domestic Travel; Public Sector Employment; Courier Industry

MONTHLY SURVEY OF LARGE RETAILERS APRIL 2000

In Canada April 2000, sales for the group of large retailers (unadjusted) increased +3.9% to $5.9 billion over April 1999.

DOMESTIC TRAVEL 1999

In Canada 1999, domestic trips increased +0.8% to 145.4 million trips over 1998. Expenditures increased +4.7% to $19.8 billion over 1998.

PUBLIC SECTOR EMPLOYMENT 1ST QUARTER 2000

In Canada 1st quarter 2000, average public sector employment increased +0.6% to 2.8 million (15,700 jobs) over the 1st quarter 1999.

In Canada 1st quarter 2000, average government employment increased +0.4% to 2.6 million over 1st quarter 1999.

In Canada 1st quarter 2000, average government business enterprise employment increased +2.2% to 261,000 over 1st quarter 1999.

COURIERS AND LOCAL MESSENGER INDUSTRY 1998
Statistics Canada Cat. No. 50-002-XIB

In Canada 1998, operating revenues of couriers and local messengers increased +9.6% to $4.3 billion over 1997. Operating expenses increased +12.0% to $3.9 billion, and operating margins declined -13.9% to $311 million, over 1997.

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CRUDE OIL AND NATURAL GAS APRIL 2000
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In Canada April 2000, crude oil production increased +8.4% to 10.4 million cubic metres over April 1999. Year-to-date production increased +6.9% to 41.9 million cubic metres over Jan-Apr. 1999.

In Canada April 2000, natural gas production increased +0.1% to 13.6 billion cubic metres over April 1999. Year-to-date production increased +1.9% to 55.8 billion cubic metres over Jan-Apr. 1999.

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MULTINATIONAL FIRMS AND THE INNOVATION PROCESS
Statistics Canada Cat. No. 11F0019MIE

In Canada, 89% of foreign-owned firms conduct research and development, as compared to 67% of Canadian-owned firms. About 86% of Canadian-owned firms that are internationally oriented conduct research and development.

In Canada, 52% of foreign-owned firms innovate as compared to 27% of Canadian-owned firms. About 47% of Canadian-owned firms that are internationally oriented innovate

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INDUSTRIAL PRODUCT PRICE INDEX MAY 2000
Statistics Canada Cat. No. 62-011-XPB

In Canada May 2000, the industrial product price index (1992=100) increased +0.3% to 127.2 over April 2000, and increased +5.6% over May 1999.

RAW MATERIALS PRICE INDEX MAY 2000
Statistics Canada Cat. No. 62-011-XPB

In Canada May 2000, the raw materials price index (1992=100) increased +6.1% to 141.9 over April 2000, and +24.9% over May 1999.

In Canada May 2000, the raw materials price index (1992=100) excluding minerals fuels increased +0.6% over April 2000, and increased +6.8% over May 1999.

EMPLOYMENT, EARNINGS AND HOURS APRIL 2000
Statistics Canada Cat. No. 72-002-XPB

In Canada April 2000, average weekly earnings (seasonally adjusted) declined -0.1% to $622.31 over March 2000, and increased +2.5% over April 1999. Employment increased +0.3% to 12.1 million over March 2000, and remained unchanged over April 1999.

In Nova Scotia April 2000, average weekly earnings (seasonally adjusted) increased +0.4% to $524.17 over March 2000, and increased +0.3% over April 1999. Employment increased +0.3% to 339,000 over March 2000, and remained unchanged over April 1999.

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HUMAN ACTIVITY AND THE ENVIRONMENT
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Note:
One gigajoule of energy is equal to 30 litres of gasoline.
One gigajoule = 1,000 megajoules.

In Canada 1997, consumption of energy has increased +100% (doubled) to 334 gigajouples per capita over 1958. (About $8000)

In Canada 1997, the cost in energy consumption to produce $1 of economic output (constant $) declined -17.3% to 12.4 megajoules, over 1961.
(From $0.36 per $1 GDP to $0.30 per $1 GDP - based on $0.80 litre for gasoline)

ESTIMATES OF PRINCIPAL FIELD CROPS AREAS 2000
Statistics Canada Cat. NO. 22-002-XIB

In Canada 2000, the number of acres seeded for wheat increased +6% to 27.3 million acres over 1999.

In Nova Scotia 2000, the number of acres seeded for wheat increased +4.8% to 6,200 acres over 1999.

CANADIAN/EUROPEAN UNION MERCHANDISE TRADE RECONCILIATIONS 1993 - 1997

In a recent trade study differences between published trade data in Canada and the European Union were reconciled.

In Canada 1997, Canadian published exports to the European Union of $15.4 billion were reconciled +19.7% to $18.5 billion.

In Canada 1997, Canadian published imports to the European Union of $27.1 billion remained unchanged.

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Subject: GDP; Natural Gas; Tourism; Int'l Transaction in Services

GROSS DOMESTIC PRODUCT AT FACTOR COST BY INDUSTRY APRIL 2000
Statistics Canada Cat. No. 15-001-XIE

In Canada April 2000, GDP at factor cost (seasonally adjusted) at 1992 prices, remained unchanged at $774.6 billion (annualized) over March 2000, and increased +4.1% over April 1999.

GDP in goods-producing industries declined -0.2% to $259.2 billion over March 2000, and increased +5.2% over April 1999.

GDP in service-producing industries remained unchanged at $515.4 billion over March 2000, and increased +3.6% over April 1999.

NOVA SCOTIA NATURAL GAS
Nova Scotia Petroleum Board

In Nova Scotia May 2000, total production of natural gas increased +8.4% to 299.7 million cubic metres over April 2000. Year-to-date production was 993.8 million cubic metres.

NATIONAL TOURISM INDICATORS 1ST QUARTER 2000
Statistics Canada Cat. No. 13-009-XPB

In Canada 1st quarter 2000, tourism expenditures (unadjusted) increased +7.9% to $10.3 billion over 1st quarter 1999 Employment generated by tourism activities increased +4.2% to 520,200 (unadjusted) full and part-time workers, over the 1st quarter 1999.

CANADA'S INTERNATIONAL TRANSACTIONS IN SERVICES 1999
Statistics Canada Cat. No. 67-203-XIB

In Canada 1999, our international transactions in services was in deficit ($6.1 billion). Export of services increased +6% to $51.8 billion over 1998. Import of services increased +4% to $57.8 billion over 1998.

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BUILDING PERMITS, MAY 200
Statistics Canada, Cat. No. 64-001-XIE

In Canada, the seasonally adjusted value of building permits declined 0.8% over April 2000 to $2,889.0 million. This decline was largely attributable to a 9.3% decline in non-residential building permits. Growth in residential building permits remained strong with a 6.7% increase over April 2000.

The Canadian seasonally adjusted value of building permits increased 0.8% over the May 2000 over May 1999 period. The value of residential building permits declined 1.8% while the value of non-residential building increased 4.5%.

In Nova Scotia, the seasonally adjusted value of building permits declined 49.0% in May 2000 over the previous month. The value of residential building permits increased 10.3% while the value of non-residential building permits declined 72.8%.

During the May 2000 over May 1999 period, the seasonally adjusted value of Nova Scotia building permits increased 1.1%. The value of residential building permits increased 21.0% and the value of non-residential permits declined 20.2%.

ESTIMATES OF LABOUR INCOME, April 2000 (preliminary)
Statistics Canada, Cat. No. 13F0016XPB

In Canada, seasonally adjusted labour income increased 3.3% in April 2000 over March 2000. The strong growth in labour income is largely attributable to the federal government pay equity payments. Removing the impact of the pay equity payment, labour income increased by 0.3% in April over March.

Wages and salaries increased in 10 of 16 industries with the federal administration and other government services registering the largest increase; an increase of 149.8%

DEPARTMENT STORE SALES AND STOCKS, MAY 2000

In Canada,on a seasonally adjusted basis, department store sales declined 0.2% in May 2000 over April 2000. Seasonally adjusted sales in May 2000 were $1,492.6 million.

In Canada, on a seasonally unadjusted basis, department store sales declined 1.1% during the period May 2000 over May 1999. Unadjusted sales in May 2000 were $1,444.5 million.

In Nova Scotia, on a seasonally unadjusted basis, department store sales declined 8.2% during the period May 2000 over May 1999. Unadjusted department store sales in May 2000 were $41.1 million.

EXTRACTION SYSTEM OF AGRICULTURAL STATISTICS ON
CD-ROM, 2000
Statistics Canada, Cat. No. 21F0001XCB

Statistics Canada has released the Extraction System of Agricultural Statistics on CD-ROM. This product is a comprehensive collection of requested physical and financial data on farming. Data extraction is possible by Census Agricultural Region, farm type and revenue class.

Other Releases:

Quarterly Retail Commodity Survey, First Quarter 2000 (preliminary)
Railway Carloadings, Seven Day period ending June 7, 2000

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HELP WANTED INDEX, June 2000

In Canada, the June 2000 help wanted index (1996=100) remained unchanged at 169 over May 2000. On a year-over-year basis, the Canadian help wanted index increased 6.3% over June 1999.

In Nova Scotia, the June 2000 help wanted index (1996=100) declined by 1.8% to 168 over May 2000. On a year-over-year basis, the Nova Scotia help wanted index increased 1.2% over June 1999.

Newfoundland and Prince Edward Island experienced the highest month over month increases at 4.3% and 1.3% while Nova Scotia and British Columbia experienced the largest month over month declines of 1.8% and 1.4%.

PIPELINE TRANSPORTATION OF CRUDE OIL AND REFINED PETROLEUM PRODUCTS, April 2000
Statistics Canada, Cat. No. 55-001-XIB

In Canada, net reipts of crude oil and equivalent hydrocarbons were 12,564,137 cubic metres in April 2000; an increase of 4.2% over April 1999. Net receipts of liquefied petroleum gases and refined petroleum products were 6,577,791 cubic metres; an increase of 3.3% over April 1999.

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http://www.gov.ns.ca/fina/stats.div/brief/employ.htm
http://www.gov.ns.ca/fina/statisti/emp/empl1.htm

Finance IntraNet users see
http://web.gov.ns.ca/fina/statisti/library.htm

Seasonally Adjusted
(month over month)

In Canada June 2000 labour force decreased 0.1% to 16.0 million, employment decreased 0.1% to 14.9 million, unemployment declined 0.5% to 1.1 million, and the unemployment rate was unchanged at 6.6%.

In Nova Scotia June 2000 labour force increased 0.2% to 458,500, employment declined 0.1% to 419,800, unemployment increased 3.2% to 38,700 and the unemployment rate increased 0.2 percentage points to 8.4% over May 2000.

Unadjusted
(year over year)

In Canada June 2000 labour force increased 1.5% to 16.2 million, employment increased 2.4% to 15.2 million, unemployment declined 10.6% to 1.0 million, and the unemployment rate declined 0.9 percentage points to 6.3% over June 1999.

In Nova Scotia June 2000 labour force increased 1.4% to 470,100, employment increased 2.1% to 433,200, unemployment declined 5.6% to 36,900 and the unemployment rate declined 0.6 percentage points to 7.8% over June 1999.

Other Releases:

Steel Primary Forms, Week ending July 1, 2000 (preliminary)
Domestic and International Shipping, 1999 (preliminary)
Egg Production, May 2000 (preliminary)

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CONSUMER PRICE INDEX June 2000
Statistics Canada Cat. No. 62-001-XPB

In Canada June 2000, the consumer price index all-items, not seasonally adjusted (1992=100), increased 0.6% to 113.7 over May 2000, and increased 2.9% over June 1999.

In Nova Scotia June 2000, the consumer price index, all items, not seasonally adjusted (1992=100) increased 0.6% to 114.2 over May 2000, and increased 2.9% over June 1999.

For further information, see the attached Consumer Price Index Report (June 2000).

Other Releases:

Railway carloadings, seven day period ending June 14, 2000
Steel wire and specified wire products, May 2000
Dairy Statistics, May and June 2000 (preliminary)
Steel primary forms, week ending July 8, 2000 (preliminary)

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Subject: New Motor Vehicle Sales; Legal Aid; Provincial Economic Accounts 1981-1991

MOTOR VEHICLE SALES May 2000
Statistics Canada Cat. No. 63-007-XIB

In Canada May 2000, new motor vehicle unit sales (seasonally adjusted) decreased 2.7% to 128,862 units over April 2000, and increased 4.2% over May 1999.

In Nova Scotia May 2000, new motor vehicle unit sales (seasonally adjusted) declined 11.3% to 3,505 units over April 2000, and declined 1.5% over May 1999.

LEGAL AID, 1998/99
Statistics Canada, Cat. No. 85F0015XIE

In Canada, in fiscal year 1998/99 provincial and territorial governments spent $494.4 million on legal aid plans; an increase of 8.7% over the 1997/98 fiscal year. The number of applications received during 1998/99 increased 3.9% to 833,44. Of those, 490,842 applications were approved; an increase of 3.9% .

Nationally, 56% of the direct legal expenditures made by legal aid were for civil cases while criminal cases accounted for the remaining 46%.

In Nova Scotia, legal aid expenditures increased 8.4% in 1998/99 to $11.0 million. During the same period, the number of applications approved declined 7.4% to 14,575.

ESTIMATES OF GDP FROM PROVINCIAL ECONOMIC ACCOUNTS, 1981-1991
Statistics Canada Cat. No. 13-213

Estimates of GDP and its components on an income and expenditure basis, as well as expenditure based estimates at 1992 constant prices and implicit price indexes for 1981-1991 are now available.

The government revenue and expenditure and sources and disposition of personal income components for 1981-1991 will be available with the release of the 1999 Provincial Economic Accounts in October 2000.

Other Releases:

Particleboard, oriented strandboard and fibreboard, May 2000
Restaurants, caterers and taverns, May 2000
Industrial monitor on CD-ROM, July 2000

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Subject: New Housing Price Index; Employment Insurance Coverage

NEW HOUSING PRICE INDEX, May 2000
Statistics Canada, Cat. No. 62-007-XPB

In Canada, the New Housing Price Index increased 0.3% in May over April 2000. On a year-over-year basis, the Canadian New Housing Price Index increased 2.4% over May 1999.

The New Housing Price Index for Halifax was unchanged from April 2000 to May 2000. On a May 1999 to May 2000 basis, the new housing price index was 4.4%

On an annual basis, Halifax registered the third highest increase (4.4%), behind only Ottawa-Hull (5.5%), and St. Catharines-Niagara (5.4%).

EMPLOYMENT INSURANCE COVERAGE, 1999
Statistics Canada, Cat. No. 73F0008XIE

The potential eligibility for Employment Insurance, also known as the coverage rate, remained stable in 1999 despite a decline in unemployment.

During the collection period of the Coverage Survey, an average of 1.14 million people were unemployed. Of those 1.14 million unemployed, 591,000 were potentially eligible while 473,000 actually accumulated enough hours to make a claim. Of those, 434,000 actually claimed and received EI benefits for their period of unemployment.

The rate of benefit receipt was unchanged from that in 1998.

Other Releases:

Steel Pipe and Tubing, May 2000
Industrial Chemicals and Synthetic Resins, May 2000

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Subject: EMPLOYER PENSION PLANS; TRAVEL BETWEEN CANADA AND OTHER COUNTRIES

EMPLOYER PENSION PLANS, 1998
Statistics Canada, Cat. No. 74-201-XPB

Between 1996 and 1998, Canada's employer pension plans' assets grew 22.0% to an estimated $644.4 billion. Registered retirement savings plans (RRSPs) grew 7.8% to $241.1 billion during the same period. The combined assets of the Canada Pension Plan (CPP) and the Quebec Pension Plan (QPP) declined 4.3% to $49.4 billion over the same two year period.

Approximately 5.1 million employees belonged to 15,213 employer pension plans in 1998.

TRAVEL BETWEEN CANADA AND OTHER COUNTRIES, May 2000
Statistics Canada, Cat. No. 66-001-PIB

Foreigners made an estimated 4.1 million trips (seasonally adjusted data) to Canada in May 2000; a decline of 0.7% over April 2000. On a seasonally unadjusted, year-over-year basis, the number of trips made by foreigners fell 1.8%.

The number of Canadians travelling to foreign countries declined 0.6% to 3.9 million (seasonally adjusted). On a seasonally unadjusted, year-over-year basis, the number of trips made by Canadians to foreign countries declined 1.0%.

In May,the number of same-day car trips made by Canadians to the United States declined 1.5% over April to 2.2 million. During the same period, Americans made 2.3 million same-day car trips to Canada; an increase of 0.8%.

Other Releases:

Steel primary forms, May 2000
Shipments of rolled steel, May 2000
Oils and fats, May 2000

SUBSCRIPTION
details at http://www.gov.ns.ca/fina/publish/pub23.htm

From: Neil MacDonald
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Subject: Crime Statistics; Service Indicators; Farm Business Cash Flows

CRIME STATISTICS, 1999
Statistics Canada, Cat. No. 85-002-XPE

In Canada, the number of total criminal code offenses stood at 7,733 per 100,000 persons in 1999; a decline of 5.0% over 1998. The national crime rate declined for the eighth consecutive year and is now the lowest in 20 years.

The violent crime rate was 955 per 100,000 persons; a decline of 2.4%. The major categories of violent crime all experienced declines including homicide (-4.7%), attempted murder (-8.8%), assault (-2.0%), sexual assault (-7.3%), and robbery (-1.5%).

The property crime rate was 4,266 per 100,000 persons; a decline of 6.4%.

In Nova Scotia, the crime rate stood at 8,307 per 100,000 persons in 1999; an increase of 2.2% over 1998. Violent crime rate was 986 per 100,000 persons; an increase of 0.8% over 1998. The property crime rate was 4,013 per 100,000 persons; a decline of 1.1%.

In Halifax, the crime rate declined 0.5% to 9,551 per 100,000 persons. Violent crime decreased by 0.6% while property crime declined 2.2%

SERVICE INDICATORS, 1st Quarter 2000
Statistics Canada, Cat. No. 63-016-XPB

In Canada, Gross Domestic Product in the service producing industries increased 0.9% in the 1st Quarter 2000 over 4th Quarter 1999. The Finance, Insurance and Real Estate industry was a major contributor to this growth including a 4.7% increase in output of deposit -accepting intermediaries and a 4.4% increase in output of insurance and real estate agents industry.

On a year-over-year basis, GDP in service producing industries grew 3.8% in 1st Quarter 2000 over 1st Quarter 1999.

FARM BUSINESS CASH FLOWS, 1981 to 1999
Statistics Canada, Cat. No. 21-603-UPE

In Canada, farm operators had a cash flow level of $9.3 billion in 1999; a decline of 4% over 1998.

Data on farm business cash flows were discontinued in 1994 but have now been reinstated and will be published in Agriculture Economic Statistics, from 1981 to the present.

Other Releases:

Construction union wage rate index, June 2000
Selected financial indexes, June 2000

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PUBLIC AND PRIVATE INVESTMENT, Revised Intentions 2000
Statistics Canada, Cat. No. 61-206-XIB

In Canada, public and private investment is expected to reach $183.8 billion in 2000; a 5.3% increase over 1999 and a 3.7% increase over the original investment intentions released in February 2000.

Industries experiencing the largest year-over-year increases include Professional, scientific, and technical services (+35.0%); Mining, oil and gas extraction (+23.2%); Administrative, and support, waste management and remediation services (+20.7%); Arts, entertainment and recreation services (+20.4%); and Health care and social assistance (+19.4%). Industrial sectors experiencing year-over-year declines include Transportation and warehousing (-13.0%); Accommodation and food services (-11.1%); Finance and insurance (-7.2%); and Real estate and rental and leasing (-2.7%)

In Nova Scotia, revised public and private investment stood at $4.1 billion in 2000; a decline of 19.7% over 1999 and an increase of 2.9% over the original investment intentions released in February 2000.

CANADIAN INTERNATIONAL MERCHANDISE TRADE, May 2000
Statistics Canada, Cat. No. 65-001-XPB

In May 2000, Canadian exports increased 4.6% to $34.3 billion over April. On a year-over-year basis, Canadian exports increased 18.4% over May 1999.

Imports to Canada increased by 2.4% in May to $30.5 billion over April 2000. On a year-over-year basis, imports to Canada have increased 15.3% over May 1999.

In May, Canada had an international merchandise trade surplus of $3.7 billion. During the period January to May 2000, the international merchandise trade surplus stood at $18.9 billion.

EMPLOYMENT INSURANCE, May 2000

An error has been uncovered by Statistics Canada and Human Resources Development Canada in the calculation of the number of Employment Insurance beneficiaries. As a result, data will be corrected with a historical revision to correct the series from January 1997 to April 2000. The release date of May 2000 Employment Insurance data will be delayed until July 28, 2000.

Other releases:

Survey of Household Spending: User Guide and Notes, 1998
Monthly railway carloadings, May 2000
Export and import price indexes, May 2000
Civil aviation operating statistics, April and May 2000
Air charter statistics, Fourth Quarter 1999, preliminary
Crushing statistics, June 2000

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WHOLESALE TRADE, May 2000
Statistics Canada, Cat. No. 63-008-XIB

Wholesale trade in Canada increased 1.3% in May 2000 over April 2000 to stand at $31.9 billion. Almost all trade groups experienced month-over-month increases with lumber and building materials (+4.8%); beverage, drug and tobacco products (+4.5%) and metals, hardware, plumbing and heating equipment and supplies (+3.9%) posted the largest increases. The apparel and dry goods trade group was the only sector to show a decline (-0.3%).
On a year-over year basis, wholesale trade increased 8.5% over May 1999.

The value of inventories fell by 0.3% in May over April to $42.2 billion. Wholesale inventories were 7.2% higher in May 2000 compared to May 1999. The inventory-to-sales ratio was 1.32 in May 2000 suggesting that wholesalers had approximately 5.7 weeks worth of stock in inventory.

In Nova Scotia, wholesale trade in May 2000stood at $415.0 million; an increase of 1.4% over April. On a year-over-year basis, wholesale trade increased 0.2% over May 1999.

MONTHLY SURVEY OF MANUFACTURING, May 2000
Statistics Canada, Cat. No. 31-001-XPB

In May 2000, Canadian manufacturing shipments stood at $44.8 billion; an increase of 3.4% over April. Monthly gains were posted by 18 of 22 major manufacturing groups representing 94.9% of the total value of shipments. Major groups experiencing the largest month-over-month increases were refined petroleum and coal (+9.7%), machinery (+7.8%), motor vehicles (+5.2%), and primary metals (+4.7%). Manufacturing shipments in Canada were 11.9% higher than in May 1999.

In Nova Scotia, manufacturing shipments were $709.0 million in May 2000; an increase of 4.6% over April.

NATURAL GAS SALES, May 2000
Statistics Canada, Cat.No. 55-002-XIB

In Canada, natural gas sales in May were 4,806.3 million cubic metres; an increase of 6.0% over May 1999. This increase is attributed to colder than normal temperatures through out Canada and higher demand by the industrial sector.

Other releases:

Steel primary forms, Week ending July 15, 2000 (preliminary)
Pulpwood and wood residue statistics, May 2000
Refined petroleum products, May 2000 (preliminary)
Stocks of frozen poultry meat, July 1, 2000 (preliminary)

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RETAIL TRADE, May 2000
Statistics Canada, Cat. No. 63-005-XPB

In Canada, retail sales stood at $22.7 billion in May 2000; an increase of 0.4% over April. The automotive sector experienced the largest month over month increase at 1.5%. All other sectors, except food (-1.3%) and furniture (-0.4%), posted gains.

Retail sales patterns have been very volatile since the beginning of 2000 with increases posted in January (+0.2%), March (+2.1%) and May (+0.4%) and declines in February (-0.8%)and April (-1.1%). This volatility is attributed to changing consumer patterns as a result of a warmer than normal winter and a cooler than normal spring. Large increases in gasoline prices have also influenced the level of volatility.

Retail sales in May 2000 have increased 6.2% compared to May 1999.

In Nova Scotia, retail sales were $696.0 million in May 2000; an increase of 0.2% over April. On a year-over-year basis, retail sales were 2.7% higher in May 2000 as compared to May 1999.

CANADA'S BALANCE OF INTERNATIONAL PAYMENTS AND INTERNATIONAL INVESTMENT POSITION: CONCEPTS, SOURCES, METHODS AND PRODUCTS
Statistics Canada, Cat. No. 67-506-XIE

Statistics Canada has released this new publication which describes the statistical system used to produce Canada's balance of international payments and international investment position. This user's guide includes concepts, sources, methods, and products.

NATIONAL POPULATION HEALTH SURVEY: FOOD INSECURITY SUPPLEMENTARY SURVEY, 1998/99

The supplement survey 1,300 persons who were deemed to be "food insecure". Individuals who were worried about not having enough to eat because of a lack of money, individuals who did not have enough to eat due to a lack of money, or individuals who were not eating the quality or variety of foods they wanted because of a lack of money were deemed to be "food insecure". The survey looked at difficulties respondents had when shopping for food, actions taken to stretch their food budget, how children were feed and housing expenditures.

Other releases:

Canadian potato production, 2000 preliminary and 1999 revised

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CANADA'S INTERNATIONAL TRANSACTIONS IN SECURITIES MAY 2000
Statistics Canada Cat. No. 67-002-XIB

In Canada May 2000, net foreign investment in Canadian securities was an outflow of -$6.2 billion. Year-to-date net foreign investment in Canadian securities was an inflow of +$19.8 billion.

In Canada May 2000, net Canadian investment in foreign securities was an outflow of -$8.7 billion. Year-to-date net Canadian investment in foreign securities was an outflow of -$26.1 billion.

Note: Outflow indicates an outflow of money from Canada - either Canadians investing abroad, or foreigners withdrawing assets. Inflow indicates an inflow of money into Canada - either Canadians withdrawing assets from abroad or foreigners investing in Canada.

LABOUR FORCE UPDATE
An Overview of average wages and wage distribution in the late 1990's
Statistics Canada Cat. No. 71-005-XPB Volume 4, Number 2

In Canada 1999, the average hourly wage increased +2.5% to $16.14 an hour over 1998. Average weekly wages increased +2.7% to $595.62 per week over 1998.

TELECOMMUNICATIONS SERVICE PROVIDERS 1998
Statistics Canada Cat. No. 56-001-XIB

In Canada 1998, operating profits in the telecommunications industry declined -8.1% to $3.8 billion over 1997. (Operating revenues = $28.5 billion; operating expenses = $24.7 billion.)

Employment declined -4.2% over 1997 (Full time declined -6&; part time increased +10.1%). Total salaries increased +5.3% over 1997.

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COMPOSITE INDEX June 2000
Statistics Canada Cat. No. 11-010-XPB

In Canada June 2000, the composite leading indicator (1992=100)* increased +0.4% to 163.0 over May 2000.

Five of ten indices were positive.

Business and personal services employment increased +0.4% to 2.4 million.
The TSE 300 stock price index (1975=1000) increased +3.8% to 9,477.
The money supply (M1 1992$) increased +0.5% to $89.0 billion.
Furniture and appliances sales (1992$) increased +1.4% to $1.5 billion.
Other durable goods sales (1992$) increased +0.4% to $6.8 billion

Four of ten indices were negative.

The housing index (1992=100) declined -1.1% to 99.4
The average workweek (manufacturing) declined -0.3% to 38.8 hours.
New orders, durables (1992$) declined 0.2% to $22.1billion.
The shipments to inventories of finished goods ratio declined to 1.90 from 1.91.

One index was unchanged

The US composite leading indicator (1992=100) remained unchanged at 108.5.

FAMILY VIOLENCE 1999
Statistics Canada Cat. No. 85-224-XIE

In Canada 1999, there were 1.2 million incidences of spousal abuse (all types) reported (8% of women - 690,000 ; 7% of Men - 549,000). There were 1,468 female (spouse) homicides and 433 male (spouse) homicides.

In Nova Scotia 1999, there were 38,000 incidences of spousal abuse (all types) reported (8% of women - 22,000 ; 6% of Men - 16,000). There were 44 female (spouse) homicides and 22 male (spouse) homicides.

UNIVERSITY FINANCES 1998/1999

In Canada 1998/99, university total revenue increased +3.8% to $12.6 billion over 1997/98. Sources of revenue were distributed as follows - government grants 55.2%, student fees 20.3%, donations 9.7%, sale of services 8.4%, investments 3.5% and other 2.9%. Total expenditures increased +3.9% to $12.4 billion over 1997/98.

In Nova Scotia 1998/99, university total revenue sources were distributed as follows - government grants 46.6%, student fees 28.5%, donations 5.6%, sale of services 12.0%, investments 3.5% and other 3.8%.

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RADIO LISTENING 1999

In Canada fall 1999, the average number of hours spent per week increased to 20.5 hours from 20.4 hours in 1998.

In Nova Scotia fall 1999, the average number of hours spent listening to radio increased to 19.8 hours from 19.3 hours in 1998.

BOOK PUBLISHERS AND EXCLUSIVE AGENTS 1998/99
Statistics Canada Cat. No. 87F0004-XPB, 87-221-XPB

In Canada 1998/99, the book-publishing industry reported a pre-tax profit of $137 million (6% of revenue), from a total revenue of $2.2 billion. The industry employed 7,374 full-time and 1,298 employees. Over 14 thousand titles were published, and over 10 thousand titles were reprinted.

GOVERNMENT FINANCE 1999/2000

In Canada 1999/2000, on a Financial Management System (FMS) basis, the overall surplus the the three levels of government was $4.1 billion. (Federal = $2.6 billion; provincial = $1.1 billion; local = $326 million.)

In 1999/2000, debt charges as a percentage of total spending, declined to 14.8% from 15.4% in 1996/1997.

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INDUSTRIAL PRODUCT AND RAW MATERIALS PRICE INDEXES JUNE 2000
Statistics Canada Cat. No. 62-011-XPB

In Canada June 2000, the industrial product price index (1992=100) remained unchanged at 127.3 over May 2000, and increased +5.5% over June 1999.

In Canada June 2000, the raw materials price index (1992=100) increased +2.1% to 144.8 over May 2000, and increased +28.3% over June 1999. The raw materials price index, excluding mineral fuels declined -1.8% to 122.5 over May 2000, and increased +6.3% over June 1999.

EMPLOYMENT, EARNINGS AND HOURS MAY 2000
Statistics Canada Cat. No. 72-002-XPB

In Canada May 2000, average weekly earnings increased +0.3% to $625.43 over April 2000, and increased +2.6% over May 1999. Employment increased +0.1% to 12.1 million over April 2000.

In Nova Scotia May 2000, average weekly earnings increased +0.5% to $525.11 over April 2000, and increased +1.4% over May 1999. Employment declined -0.3% to 338,000 over April 1999.

CRUDE OIL AND NATURAL GAS MAY 2000

In Canada May 2000, production of crude oil increased +5.3% to 10.8 million cubic metres over May 1999. Year-to-date production increased +6.3% to 52.6 million cubic metres over Jan-May 1999.

In Canada May 2000, production of natural gas increased +1.4% to 13.7 billion cubic metres over May 1999. Year-to-date production increased 1.8% to 69.6 billion cubic metres over Jan-May 1999.

OIL AND GAS INDUSTRY 1999
Statistics Canada Cat. No. 26-213-XPB

In Canada 1999, the production of crude oil declined -4.8% to 122.2 million cubic metres over 1998. The value of crude oil increased +44.6% to $18.7 billion over 1998.

In Canada 1999, the production of natural gas increased +1.1% to 162.4 billion cubic metres over 1998. The value of natural gas increased +30.2% to $14.2 billion over 1998.

In Canada 1999, the production of natural gas by-products increased +8.0% to 28.8 million cubic metres over 1998. The value of natural gas by-products increased +43.8% to $2.5 billion over 1998.

OIL AND GAS INDUSTRY FINANCES 1999
Statistics Canada Cat. No. 26-213-XPB

In Canada 1999, capital expenditures for conventional oil and gas extraction declined -9.5% to $13.6 billion over 1998. Operating expenditures for conventional oil and gas extraction increased +20.2% to $11.9 billion over 1998.

In Canada 1999, capital expenditures for unconventional oil and gas extraction increased +58.8% to $2.4 billion over 1998. Operating expenditures for unconventional oil and gas extraction increased +26.8% to $2.5 billion over 1998.

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INCOME INEQUALITY IN CANADA AND THE UNITED STATES 1974-97
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In 1997, Canadian workers average earnings (expressed in 1995$ using purchasing power parities) were $28,300 compared to $36,500 in the United States. Median earnings were $24,200 in Canada and $27,500 in the U.S.

The average earnings gap has increased from a 12% differential in 1974, to a 29.2% differential in 1997. The median earnings gap has increased from a 8.4% differential in 1974, to a 13.6% differential in 1997.

In Atlantic Canada, average earnings declined to $21,600 in 1997 from $21,900 in 1974. Median earnings declined to $17,400 in 1997 from $19,000 in 1974.

Out of 61 States and provinces, Nova Scotia ranks 59th with a mean market income of $31,800, ranks 55th with a median disposable income of $26,000, 55th with a median disposable income of $27,700, and ranks 57th with a median disposable income adjusted for family size of $18,900.

MONTHLY SURVEY OF LARGE RETAILERS MAY 2000

In Canada May 2000, retail sales for the group of large retailers increased +1.8% to $6.2 billion over May 1999.

EMPLOYMENT INSURANCE MAY 2000

In Canada May 2000, the number of beneficiaries receiving regular benefits (unadjusted) declined -23.3% to 433,430 over April 2000.

In Nova Scotia May 2000, the number of beneficiaries receiving regular benefits declined -23.9% to 25,280 over April 2000.

SCHOOL BOARD REVENUES AND EXPENDITURES 1997

In Canada 1997, school board expenditures have increased to $31.1 billion from $30.0 billion in 1996. Expenditures per full-time student have increased to $6,852 from $6,844 in 1996.

In Nova Scotia 1997, school board expenditures have increased to $743.7 million from $724.2 million in 1996. Expenditures per full-time student have declined from $5,133 from $5,134 in 1996.

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GROSS DOMESTIC PRODUCT AT FACTOR COST BY INDUSTRY MAY 2000
Statistics Canada Cat. No. 15-001-XIE

In Canada May 2000, GDP (at factor cost, by industry, in 1992$ and seasonally adjusted) increased +0.6% to $780 billion (annualized) over April 2000, and increased +4.8% over May 2000.

Good-producing industries increased +0.9% to $262 billion over April 2000, and increased +6.6% over May 2000.

Services-producing industries increased +0.5% to $517.9 billion over April 2000, and increased +3.9% over May 2000.

DEPARTMENT STORE SALES AND STOCKS JUNE 2000

In Canada June 2000, department store sales (unadjusted) increased +4.5% to $1.5 billion over June 1999. Year-to-date sales increased +2.7% to $7.6 billion over Jan-Jun 1999.

In Nova Scotia June 2000, department store sales (unadjusted) increased +4.6% to $45.4 million over June 1999. Year-to-date sales increased +1.1% to $225.1 million over Jan-Jun 1999.

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QUARTERLY BUSINESS CONDITIONS
SURVEY: MANUFACTURING INDUSTRIES JULY 2000

In Canada July 2000, manufacturers (61%) expect that during the next three months the volume of production will remain about the same as the last three months and an additional 25% believe that volume will increase.

Orders received by 71% of manufacturers are expected to be about the same as the last quarter, with 18% are expecting increases and 11% declines. 78% consider the present backlog of unfilled orders as about normal, 10%, higher than normal and 12% lower than normal. Most respondents (83%) believe the finished product inventory to be about right while 2% consider levels to be too low, and 15% believe they are too high. 74% believe that employment during the next three months will change little, 16% expect an increase and 10% a decrease.

Most manufacturers (85%) do not foresee any production difficulties. A small number (8%) think that they may experience a skilled labour shortage, 2% an unskilled labour shortage. 1% expect a working capital shortage and 2% a raw material shortage.

SENTENCING YOUNG OFFENDERS 1998/99
Statistics Canada Cat. No. 85-002-XIE

In Canada 1998/99, A total of 71,961 young offenders aged 12 to 17 were convicted in youth court. 35% were placed in custody, 48% were put on probation, 13% were fined, or given community service orders, and 5% were sanctioned in other ways (compensation, pay purchaser, compensation in kind, restitution, prohibition, seizure, forfeiture, conditional discharge, absolute discharge, essays, apologies and counseling programs).

In Nova Scotia 1998/99, A total of 2,152 young offenders aged 12 to 17 were convicted in youth court. 35% were placed in custody, 52% were put on probation, 11% were fined, or given community service orders, and 1% were sanctioned in other ways (compensation, pay purchaser, compensation in kind, restitution, prohibition, seizure, forfeiture, conditional discharge, absolute discharge, essays, apologies and counseling programs).

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HELP-WANTED INDEX JULY 2000

In Canada July 2000, the help-wanted index (1996=100), seasonally adjusted and smoothed, increased +1.2% to 171 over June 2000, and increased +6.9% over July 1999.

In Nova Scotia July 2000, the help-wanted index (1996=100) seasonally adjusted and smoothed, declined -0.6% to 167 over June 2000, and remained unchanged over July 1999.

DOMESTIC SALES OF REFINED PETROLEUM PRODUCTS JUNE 2000

In Canada June 2000, sales of refined petroleum products increased +1.0% to 7.9 million cubic metres over June 1999. Year-to-date sales increased +0.9% to 45.4 million cubic metres over Jan-Jun 1999.

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ESTIMATES OF LABOUR INCOME MAY 2000
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In Canada May 2000, labour income, seasonally adjusted, declined -2.6% to $44.0 billion over April 2000. Note: labour income, excluding federal government pay equity payments, increased +0.3% in May 2000.

CANADA - MEXICO - UNITED STATES MERCHANDISE TRADE RECONCILIATION 1996 - 1997

In 1996, the difference in the reporting of Canadian exports to Mexico was $1.1 billion. (Mexico statistics = $2.3 billion; Canada statistics $1.3 billion). In 1997, the difference in the reporting of Canadian exports to Mexico was $1.4 billion. (Mexico statistics = $2.7 billion; Canada statistics $1.3 billion).

In 1996, the difference in the reporting of Canadian imports from Mexico was $3.1 billion. (Mexico statistics = $3.0 billion; Canada statistics $6.0 billion). In 1997, the difference in the reporting of Canadian imports from Mexico was $4.0 billion. (Mexico statistics = $3.0 billion; Canada statistics $7.0 billion).

Nova Scotia/Mexico Trade ($millions)

	1996	1997	1998	1999
NS Exports	0.9	37.0	5.2	17.2
NS Imports	8.0	3.6	30.0	14.1

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LABOUR FORCE SURVEY July 2000
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http://iweb.gov.ns.ca/fina/statisti/library.htm

Seasonally Adjusted
(month over month)
In Canada July 2000 labour force increased +0.1% to 16.0 million, employment declined -0.1% to 14.9 million, unemployment increased +2.5% to 1.1 million, and the unemployment rate increased +0.2 percentage points to 6.8% over June 2000.

In Nova Scotia July 2000 labour force increased +0.8% to 462,200, employment remained unchanged at 419,700, unemployment increased +9.8% to 42,500 and the unemployment rate increased -+0.8 percentage points to 9.2% over June 2000.

Unadjusted
(year over year)
In Canada July 2000 labour force increased +1.6% to 16.4 million, employment increased +2.1% to 15.3 million, unemployment declined -8.3% to 1.1 million, and the unemployment rate declined -0.7 percentage points to 7.0% over July 1999.

In Nova Scotia July 2000 labour force increased +2.7% to 483,500, employment increased + 2.3% to 439,500, unemployment increased +7.1% to 44,000 and the unemployment rate increased +0.4 percentage points to 9.1% over July 1999.

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FULL-TIME UNIVERSITY FACULTY 1998/99

In Canada 1998/99, full-time university faculty declined -0.1% to 33,665 over 1997/98, and declined -9.7% 1992/93. Average salaries (1998$) increased +1.6% to $76,284 over 1997/98, and declined -2.2% over 1992/93.

In Nova Scotia 1998/99, full-time faculty staff increased +0.2% to 1,914 over 1997/98, and declined -7.2% over 1992/93.

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E-COMMERCE AND BUSINESS USE OF THE INTERNET 1999

In Canada 1999, the total value of internet sales (with or without on-line payment) was $4.4 billion (private sector = $4.2 billion; public sector $244.6 million). Private sector total e-commerce operating revenue was $1.8 billion, or 0.2% of total operating revenue.

In Canada 1999, the percentage of private sector enterprises that used personal computers was 81.9% (e-mail 52.6%, internet 52.8%, have web site 21.7%). In the public sector 100% of enterprises use personal computers (e-mail 96.6%, internet 95.4%, have web site 69.2%).

In Canada 1999, in the private sector the percentage of employees with access to a PC, workstation or terminal was 55.6% (access to e-mail 34.4%, access to internet 28.4%). In the public sector the percentage of employees with access to a PC, workstation or terminal was 76.8% (access to e-mail 66.7%, access to internet 59.0%).

INCOME OF INDIVIDUALS 1998
Statistics Canada Cat. No. 13C0015, 13C0017, 71C0018

In Canada 1998, the median total income (employment income, pension, tax credits and family benefits) of individuals increased +2.7% to $20,100 (adjusted for inflation) over 1997.

In Halifax 1998, the median total income of individuals increased +3.4% to $21,800 (adjusted for inflation) over 1997.

PASSENGER BUS INDUSTRY 1999

In Canada 1999, total revenue (excluding subsidies) increased +3% to $3.2 billion over 1998. Total expenditures increased +0.6% to $4.8 billion.

Interciry ridership increased +3.2% to 13.3 million passengers. Urban transit ridership increased +1.4% to 1.43 billion passengers over 1998.

NON_RESIDENTIAL CONSTRUCTION PRICE INDEX 2ND QUARTER 2000
Statistics Canada Cat. No. 62-007-XPB

In Canada 2nd quarter 1999, the non-residential building construction price composite index (1992=100) increased +3.1% to 120.5 over the 1st quarter 2000, and increased +5.5% over the 2nd quarter 1999.

In Halifax 2nd quarter 2000, the non-residential building construction price index (1992=100) increased +1.0% to 108.9 over the 1st quarter 2000, and increased +2.6% over the 2nd quarter 1999.

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From: Doug McCann
To: daily2
Date: 8/11/00 10:23AM
Subject: Gov't Finance; New Housing Price Index; Crude Oil

PROVINCIAL AND TERRITORIAL GOVERNMENT FINANCE: ASSETS AND LIABILITIES MARCH 31, 1999
Financial Management System Basis

In Canada March 31, 1999, the net debt of provincial and territorial governments increased to $258.3 billion from $245.2 billion one year earlier. As a percentage of GDP, net debt increased to 27.8% from 27.3% in 1998. Per capita debt increased to $8,495 from $8,129.

NEW HOUSING PRICE INDEX JUNE 2000
Statistics Canada Cat. No. 62-007-XPB

In Canada June 2000, the new housing price index (1992=100) remained unchanged at 103.0 over May 2000, and increased +2.4% over June 1999.

In Halifax June 2000, the new housing price index (1992=100) remained unchanged over May 2000, and increased +3.9% over June 1999.

PIPELINE TRANSPORTATION OF CRUDE OIL AND REFINED PETROLEUM PRODUCTS MAY 2000
Statistics Canada Cat. No. 55-001-XIB

In Canada May 2000, net receipts of crude oil and equivalent hydrocarbons increased +7.0% to 13.2 million cubic metres over May 1999. Year-to-date receipts increased +7.1% to 64.7 million cubic metres over Jan-May 1999.

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To: daily2
Date: 8/14/00 9:47AM
Subject: Motor Vehicle Sales; Apt Bldg Construction Price Index

NEW MOTOR VEHICLE SALES JUNE 2000
Statistics Canada Cat. No. 63-017-XIB

In Canada June 2000, new motor vehicle unit sales (seasonally adjusted) increased +3.6% to 133,898 over May 2000, and increased +7.5% over June 1999. New motor vehicle unit sales (unadjusted) increased +2.6% to 160,645 over June 1999.

In Nova Scotia June 2000, new motor vehicle unit sales (seasonally adjusted) increased +9.7% to 3,855 over May 2000, and increased +8.1% over June 1999. New motor vehicle sales (unadjusted) increased +4.3% to 5,155 over June 1999.

APARTMENT BUILDING CONSTRUCTION PRICE INDEX 2ND QUARTER 2000

In Canada 2nd quarter 2000, the apartment building construction price composite index (1992=100) increased +2.2% to 118.1 over the 1st quarter 2000, and increased +4.2% over the 2nd quarter 1999.

In Halifax 2nd quarter 2000, the apartment building construction price index (1992=100) increased +1.1% to 111.2 over 1st quarter 2000, and increased +2.8% over 2nd quarter 1999.

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Date: 8/15/00 9:53AM
Subject: Family Income; Machinery Price Index; Web sites

CENSUS FAMILY INCOME 1998
Statistics Canada Cat. No. 89C0022, 13C0016

In Canada 1998, the median family income increased +2.1% to $47,300 over 1997. (Husband-wife family - $52,500; lone-parent - $22,700)

In Halifax 1998, the median family income was $50,100. (Husband-wife - $56,200; Lone-parent - $20,400).

Notes: Husband wife family consists of a man and woman living together at the same address. (Includes men and women living together under common law.) Lone parent family is a family with only one parent, male or female, and with at least one child.

MACHINERY AND EQUIPMENT PRICE INDEX 2ND QUARTER 2000
Statistics Canada Cat. No. 62-007-XPB

In Canada 2nd quarter 2000, the machinery and equipment price index (1986=100) increased +0.9% to 133.0 over 1st quarter 2000, and increased +1.0% over 2nd quarter 1999.

WEB SITES

Education Resources: http://www.statcan.ca/english/edu/

Health Canada News: http://www.hc-sc.gc.ca/english/archives/news/

SUBSCRIPTION
details at http://www.gov.ns.ca/fina/publish/pub23.htm

From: Doug McCann
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Date: 8/16/00 10:10AM
Subject: Manufacturing; Composite Index

MONTHLY SURVEY OF MANUFACTURING JUNE 2000
Statistics Canada Cat. No. 31-001-XPB

In Canada June 2000, manufacturers shipments (seasonally adjusted) increased +0.7% to $45.1 billion over May 2000, and increased +11.4% over June 1999.

Inventories increased +0.1% to $58.8 billion over May 2000, and increased +12.1% over June 2000.

Unfilled orders increased +0.6% to %53.6 billion over May 2000, and increased +4.1% over June 1999.

New orders increased +3.0% to $45.5 billion over May 2000, and increased +12.2% over June 1999.

In Nova Scotia June 2000, manufacturers shipments (seasonally adjusted) increased +0.3% to $715 million over May 2000.

COMPOSITE INDEX July 2000
Statistics Canada Cat. No. 11-010-XPB

In Canada July 2000, the composite leading indicator (1992=100) increased +0.4% to 163.8 over June 2000.

Six of ten indices were positive.

The housing index (1992=100) increased +1.9% to 101.5.
Business and personal services employment increased +0.6% to 2.4 million.
The TSE 300 stock price index (1975=1000) increased +2.7% to 9,733.
The money supply (M1 1992$) increased +0.8% to $90.3 billion.
New orders, durables (1992$) increased +0.3% to $22.1billion.
Furniture and appliances sales (1992$) increased +0.8% to $1.5 billion.

Two of ten indices were negative.

The US composite leading indicator (1992=100) declined -0.1% to 108.4.
Other durable goods sales (1992$) declined -0.1% to $6.8 billion

Two of ten indices were unchanged

The average workweek (manufacturing) remained unchanged at 38.8 hours.
The shipments to inventories of finished goods ratio remained unchanged at 1.90.

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From: Doug McCann
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Subject: CPI; Int'l Travel

CONSUMER PRICE INDEX JULY 2000
Statistics Canada Cat. No. 62-001-XPB

In Canada July 2000, the consumer price index all items (1992=100) increased +0.4% to 114.1 over June 2000, and increased +3.0% over July 1999.

In Nova Scotia July 2000, the consumer price index all item (1992=100) declined -0.1% to 114.1 over June 2000, and increased +3.6% over July 1999.

TRAVEL BETWEEN CANADA AND OTHER COUNTRIES JUNE 2000
Statistics Canada Cat. No. 66-001-PIB

In Canada June 2000, Canadian trips abroad (seasonally adjusted) declined -0.8% to 3.9 million trips over May 2000. Trips abroad (unadjusted) increased +2.5% to 3.8 million over June 1999.

In Canada June 2000, travel to Canada (seasonally adjusted) declined -0.2% to 4.1 million trips over May 2000. Travel to Canada (unadjusted) increased +1.2% to 5.1 million trips over June 1999.

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Subject: Int'l Mechandise Trade; Wholesale Trade

CANADIAN INTERNATIONAL MERCHANDISE TRADE JUNE 2000
Statistics Canada Cat. No. 65-001-XIB

In Canada June 2000, merchandise trade exports (seasonally adjusted) increased +2.3% to $35.3 billion over May 2000, and increased +19.5% over June 1999. Year-to-date exports increased +16.5% to $202.5 billion over Jan-Jun 1999.

In Canada June 2000, merchandise trade imports (seasonally adjusted) declined -0.4% to $30.4billion over May 2000, and increased +13.3% over June1999. Year-to-date imports increased +12.1% to $177.9 billion over Jan-Jun1999.

In Canada June 2000, merchandise balance of trade was a surplus of $5.0 billion. The year-to-date balance of trade was a surplus of $24.5 billion.

In Nova Scotia May 2000, merchandise trade exports (seasonally adjusted) increased +11.9% to $390.0 million over April 2000, and increased +14.3% over May 1999. Year-to-date exports increased +15.4% to $1.8 billion over Jan-May 1999.

In Nova Scotia May 2000, merchandise trade imports (seasonally adjusted) declined -43.3% to $387.3 million over April 2000, and increased +5.9% over May 1999. Year-to-date imports increased +41.3% to $2.5 billion over Jan-May 1999.

WHOLESALE TRADE JUNE 2000
Statistics Canada Cat. No. 63-008-XIB

In Canada June 2000, wholesale merchants' sales (seasonally adjusted) increased +0.3% to $32.2 billion over May 2000, and increased +8.4% over June 1999.

In Nova Scotia June 2000, wholesale merchants' sales (seasonally adjusted) declined -3.0% to $557 million over May 2000, and increased +0.1% over June 1999.

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Subject: Retail Sales; Natural Gas

RETAIL SALES JUNE 2000
Statistics Canada Cat. No. 63-005-XPB

In Canada June 2000, retail sales (seasonally adjusted) increased +0.8% to $22.9 billion over May 2000, and increased +6.3% over June 1999.

In Nova Scotia June 2000, retail sales (seasonally adjusted) increased +2.4% to $711 million over May 2000, and increased +2.8% over June 1999.

NATURAL GAS SALES JUNE 2000
Statistics Canada Cat. No. 55-002-XIB

In Canada June 2000, natural gas sales increased +5.0% to 3.7 billion cubic metres over June 1999. Year-to-date sales increased +5.4% to 37.3 billion cubic metres over Jan-Jun 1999.

NATURAL GAS PRODUCTION June 2000
Nova Scotia Petroleum Board

In Nova Scotia June 2000, total natural gas production increased +6.4% to 318.9 million cubic metres over May 2000. Year-to-date production was 1.3 billion cubic metres.

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From: Doug McCann
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Date: 8/23/00 10:22AM
Subject: Employment Insurance; Aquaculture; Livestock Estimates

EMPLOYMENT INSURANCE JUNE 2000

In Canada June 2000, the number of beneficiaries receiving regular benefits (seasonally adjusted) declined -10.1% to 375,440 over June 1999.

In Nova Scotia June 2000, the number of beneficiaries receiving regular benefits (seasonally adjusted) increased +1.2% to 22,340 over June 1999.

AQUACULTURE STATISTICS 1999
Statistics Canada 21-603-UPE

In Canada 1999, sales of aqua product/services increased +7% to $548.3 million over 1998. Gross value added (factor cost) for the aquaculture industry increased +11% to $241.2 million over the previous year.

In Nova Scotia 1999, sales of aqua products/services increased +32.1% to $25.9 million over 1998. Gross value added (factor cost) for the aquaculture industry increased +33.1% to $9.6 million over the previous year.

LIVESTOCK ESTIMATES JULY 1, 2000
Statistics Canada Cat. No. 23-603-UPE

In Canada July 1, 2000, the total cattle inventory declined -1.2% to 14.3 million head over the previous year. Hog inventories declined -1.3% to 12.2 million head, and sheep and lamb inventories increased +11.9% to 988,000.

In Atlantic Canada July 1, 2000, the total cattle inventory declined -3.1% to 308,000 over the previous year. Hog inventories declined -1.6% to 369,000 and sheep/lamb inventories increased +2.1% to 48,000.

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From: Doug McCann
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Subject: AQUACULTURE ERRATA

Gross value added should read $12.8 million for nova Scotia.

AQUACULTURE STATISTICS 1999
Statistics Canada 21-603-UPE

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From: Doug McCann
To: daily2
Date: 8/24/00 11:59AM
Subject: Int'l Trans. Securities; Emp, Earns, Hrs; Large Retailers; Unionization

CANADA'S INTERNATIONAL TRANSACTIONS IN SECURITIES JUNE 2000
Statistics Canada Cat. No. 67-002-XIB

In Canada June 2000, net foreign investment in Canadian securities was an inflow of -+2.4 billion. Year-to-date net foreign investment in Canadian securities was an inflow of +$22.4 billion.

In Canada June 2000, net Canadian investment in foreign securities was an outflow of -$1.8 billion. Year-to-date net Canadian investment in foreign securities was an outflow of -$29.5 billion.

Note: Outflow indicates an outflow of money from Canada - either Canadians investing abroad, or foreigners withdrawing assets. Inflow indicates an inflow of money into Canada - either Canadians withdrawing assets from abroad or foreigners investing in Canada.

EMPLOYMENT, EARNINGS AND HOURS JUNE 2000
Statistics Canada Cat. No. 72-002-XPB

In Canada June 2000, average weekly earnings (seasonally adjusted) increased +0.1% to $626.29 over May 2000, and increased +2.7% over June 1999. Employment increased +0.2% to 12.5 million over May 2000.

In Nova Scotia June 2000, average weekly earnings (seasonally adjusted) increased +1.2% to $533.94 over May 2000, and increased +1.4% over June 1999. Employment declined -0.9% to 334,000 over May 2000.

MONTHLY SURVEY OF LARGE RETAILERS JUNE 2000

In Canada June 2000, sales for the group of large retailers (unadjusted) increased +7.1% to $6.3 billion over June 1999.

UNIONIZATION FIRST HALF 2000
Statistics Canada Cat. No. 75-001-XPE

In Canada first half 2000, union membership increased to 3.7 million workers from 3.6 million during the same period last year.

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Subject: Field Crops; Crude Oil, Natural Gas; Internet Access

ESTIMATES OF PRODUCTION OF PRINCIPAL FIELD CROPS JULY 31, 2000
Statistics Canada Cat. No. 22-002-XPB

In Canada July 31, 2000, field crop production declined -6% to 25.4 million tonnes over 1999. Spring wheat and canola declined -13% (down 2.7 million tonnes) and -19% (down 1.7 million tonnes) respectively, while barley and Durum wheat increased +7% (up .9 million tonnes) and +26% (up 1.1 million tonnes) respectively.

CRUDE OIL AND NATURAL GAS JUNE 2000
Statistics Canada Cat. No. 26-006-XPB

In Canada June 2000, crude oil production increased +4.4% to 10.5 million cubic metres over June 1999. Year-to-date production increased +5.9% to 63.0 million cubic metres over Jan-Jun 1999.

In Canada June 2000, natural gas production increased +4.5% to 13.2 billion cubic metres over June 1999. Year-to-date production increased +2.3% to 82.8 billion cubic metres over Jan-Jun 1999.

INTERNET ACCESS BY CABLE
Statistics Canada Cat. No. 56F0004

In Canada 1999, the number of households with cable internet access was 364,081 subscribers. The number of basic cable subscribers was 7.3 million. There were 61 cable licensees out of 406 licensees offering cable internet access.

Revenues from high-speed internet access by cable were $113.2 million ($311 per subscriber).

In Atlantic Canada 1999, there were 11,105 subscribers to cable internet access.

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From: Doug McCann
To: daily2
Date: 8/28/00 10:54AM
Subject: Int'l Travel Account; University tuition; Radio, TV

INTERNATIONAL TRAVEL ACCOUNT 2ND QUARTER 2000

In Canada 2nd quarter 2000, the international travel account deficit increased to $579 million (total receipts $3.8 billion, total payments $4.4 billion) from a deficit of $201 million in the previous quarter. The international travel account deficit in the 2nd quarter 1999 was $540 million..

UNIVERSITY TUITION 2000/2001

In Canada 2000/2001, average undergraduate tuition fees have increased +3.3% to $3,403 over 1999/00. Graduate tuition fees have increased +14.1% to $4,020 over last year.

In Canada 2000/2001, average undergraduate arts tuition increased +3.0% to $3,378 over 1999/00, and increased +125.8% over 1990/91.

In Nova Scotia 2000/2001, average undergraduate arts tuition increased +7.5% to $4,408 over 1999/00, and increased +126.9% over 2000/2001.

RADIO AND TELEVISION 1999
Statistics Canada Cat. No. 56-001-XIB

In Canada 1999, private radio and television revenues increased +3.0% to $2.83 billion over 1998. Employment declined -1.3% to 16,203. Profits before income taxes increased +33.0%.

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From: Doug McCann
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Date: 8/29/00 10:15AM
Subject: IPPI, RMPI

INDUSTRIAL PRODUCT AND RAW MATERIALS PRICE INDEX JULY 2000
Statistics Canada Cat. No. 62-011-XPB

In Canada July 2000, the industrial product price index (1992=100) increased +0.2% to 127.7 over June 2000, and increased +4.2% over July 1999.

In Canada July 2000, the raw materials price index (1992=100) declined -2.4% to 141.4 over June 2000, and increased +19.9% over July 1999.

In Canada July 2000, the raw materials price index excluding minerals fuels (1992=100) declined -0.4% to 122.1 over June 2000, and increased +5.5% over July 1999.

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Subject: Farm Cash REceipts; Enterprise Financial Statistics; University Faculty

FARM CASH RECEIPTS JANUARY TO JUNE 2000
Statistics Canada Cat. No. 21-001-XIB

In Canada January-June 2000, farm cash receipts increased +9.8% to $16.2 billion over the same period last year. In the 2nd quarter 2000, farm cash receipts increased +18.1% to $8.2 billion over Apr-Jun 1999.

In Nova Scotia January-June 2000, farm cash receipts increased +7.8% to $180 million over the same period last year. In the 2nd quarter 2000, farm cash receipts increased +8.6% to $88 million over Apr-Jun 1999.

QUARTERLY FINANCIAL STATISTICS FOR ENTERPRISES 2ND QUARTER 2000

In Canada 2nd quarter 2000, operating profits for enterprises increased +1.7% to $51.9 billion over 1st quarter 2000.

PART-TIME UNIVERSITY FACULTY 1997/98

In Canada 1997/98, the number of part-time faculty increased +3.1% to 27,983 over 1996/97, and increased +6.0% over 1992/93. Expressed as full-time equivalence, the number of part-time faculty increased +4.5% over 1996/97, and increased +43.7% over 1992/97.

In Canada 1997/98, the number of full-time faculty declined -3.1% to 33,702 over 1996/97, and declined -9.6% over 1992/93. The number of full-time equivalence students declined -0.4% over 1996/97, and declined -2.3% over 1992/93.

In Atlantic Canada 1997/98, the number of part-time faculty declined -4.5% to 2,856 over 1996/97, and increased +13.8% over 1992/93. Expressed as full-time equivalence, the number of part-time faculty declined -6.3% over 1996/97, and increased +20.9% over 1992/97.

In Atlantic Canada 1997/98, the number of full-time faculty declined -4.1% to 4,101 over 1996/97, and declined -8.8% over 1992/93. The number of full-time equivalence students declined -0.6% over 1996/97, and declined -2.7% over 1992/93.

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From: Doug McCann
To: daily2
Date: 8/31/00 10:45AM
Subject: National Accounts; Balance of Payments; GDP by Industry

NATIONAL ECONOMIC AND FINANCIAL ACCOUNTS 2ND QUARTER 2000
Statistics Canada Cat. No. 13-001-XPB, 13-014-PPB, 13F0013XPB

In Canada 2nd quarter 2000, gross domestic product at market prices (constant 1992 $) increased +1.1% to $918.7 billion over 1st quarter 2000. The annualized growth declined to +4.7% from +5.1% in the 1st quarter. Year-over-year growth increased to +5.3% from +5.0% in the 1st quarter.

GROSS DOMESTIC PRODUCT AT FACTOR COST BY INDUSTRY JUNE 2000
Statistics Canada Cat. No. 15-001-XIE

In Canada June 2000, GDP at factor cost by industry (seasonally adjusted, 1992$) increased +4.7% to $783.3 billion over June 1999. Goods-producing industries increased +5.9% to $263.0 billion, and services-producing industries increased +4.1% to $520.3 billion, over June 1999.

BALANCE OF INTERNATIONAL PAYMENTS 2ND QUARTER 2000
Statistics Canada Cat. No. 67-001-XIB

In Canada 2nd quarter 2000, the current account surplus (seasonally adjusted) declined to $3.6 billion from a $4.7 billion surplus in the 1st quarter 2000. In 1999 (year-to-date) the current account deficit was $3.4 billion, and in 1998 the deficit was $16.3 billion.

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Subject: Building Permits; Dept Store Sales Rural Youth

BUILDING PERMITS JULY 2000
Statistics Canada Cat. No. 64-001-XIB

In Canada July 2000, the value of building permits (seasonally adjusted) remained unchanged at $3.1 billion over June 2000, and declined -2.6% over July 1999.

In Nova Scotia July 2000, the value of building permits (seasonally adjusted) increased +58.4% to $98.4 million over June 2000, and increased +7.8% over July 1999.

DEPARTMENT STORE SALES AND STOCKS JULY 2000

In Canada July 2000, department store sales (unadjusted) increased +0.9% to $1.4 billion over July 1999. Year-to-date sales increased +2.5% to $9.0 billion over Jan-Jul 1999.

In Nova Scotia July 2000, department store sales (unadjusted) declined -1.6% to $42.1 million over July 1999. Year-to-date sales increased +0.7% to $267.2 million over Jan-Jul 1999.

RURAL YOUTH: STAYERS, LEAVERS AND RETURN MIGRANTS
Statistics Canada Cat. No. 11F0019MIE No. 152

In Canada 1991-96, rural population aged 15-19 declined -12%, while rural population aged 25 to 64 increased +4%.

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Subject: Help-Wanted Index; Crude Oil and Refined Petroluem Products; Unemployment

HELP-WANTED INDEX AUGUST 2000

In Canada August 2000, the help-wanted index (1996=100) seasonally adjusted and smoothed declined -0.6% to 170 over July 2000, and increased +5.6% over August 1999.

In Nova Scotia August 2000, the help-wanted index (1996=100) seasonally adjusted and smoothed declined -2.4% to 163 over June 2000, and declined -3.0% over August 1999.

DOMESTIC SALES OF REFINED PETROLEUM PRODUCTS JULY 2000

In Canada July 2000, sales of refined petroleum products declined -1.3% to 7.9 million cubic metres over July 1999. Year-to-date sales increased +0.6% to 53.3 million cubic metres over Jan-Jul 1999.

PIPELINE TRANSPORTATION OF CRUDE OIL AND REFINED PETROLEUM PRODUCTS JUNE 2000
Statistics Canada Cat. No. 55-001-XIB

In Canada June 2000, net receipts of crude oil and equivalent hydrocarbons increased +9.2% to 13.3 million cubic metres over June 1999. Year-to-date receipts increased +7.4% to 78.0 million cubic metres over Jan-Jun 1999.

UNEMPLOYMENT KALEIDOSCOPE 1980-1997
Statistics Canada Cat. No. 75-001-XPE (Autumn 2000)

In Canada 1997, the number of families that experienced unemployment (at least one family member unemployed) was 15.2%, compared to the unemployment rate for individuals of 9.1%. (based on Labour Force Survey one-week reference period).

In Canada 1997, the number of families that experienced unemployment (at least one family member unemployed at one point during the year) was 28.2%, compared to the unemployment rate for individuals of 17.3%. (based on Labour Force Survey one-year reference period).

From: Doug McCann
To: daily2
Date: 9/7/00 10:02AM
Subject: Motor Carriers

FOR-HIRE MOTOR CARRIERS OF FREIGHT 1ST QUARTER 2000

In Canada 1st quarter 2000, the number of for-hire trucking companies with annual revenues of one million plus, increased +7.6% to 2,690 over 1st quarter 1999. !st quarter revenues totaled $4.7 billion; 1st quarter expenses were $4.4 billion.

Note: In Nova Scotia 1999, the number of establishments in the truck transportation industry increased +8.5% over 1998.

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From: Doug McCann
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Subject: Labour Force Survey

LABOUR FORCE SURVEY August 2000
Statistics Canada Cat. No. 71-001-PPB

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http://www.gov.ns.ca/fina/publish/pub19.htm
http://www.gov.ns.ca/fina/stats.div/brief/employ.htm
http://www.gov.ns.ca/fina/statisti/emp/empl1.htm

Finance IntraNet users see
http://iweb.gov.ns.ca/fina/statisti/library.htm

Seasonally Adjusted
(month over month)
In Canada August 2000 labour force increased +0.5% to 16.0 million, employment increased +0.2% to 14.9 million, unemployment increased +5.4% to 1.1 million, and the unemployment rate increased +0.3 percentage points to 7.1% over July 2000.

In Nova Scotia August 2000 labour force declined -0.5% to 459,900, employment declined -0.8% to 416,300, unemployment increased +2.6% to 43,600 and the unemployment rate increased +0.3 percentage points to 9.5% over July 2000.

Unadjusted
(year over year)
In Canada August 2000 labour force increased +1.9% to 16.5 million, employment increased +2.4% to 15.3 million, unemployment declined -3.9% to 1.2 million, and the unemployment rate declined -0.4 percentage points to 7.2% over August 1999.

In Nova Scotia August 2000 labour force increased +1.8% to 477,400, employment increased + 1.3% to 434,700, unemployment increased +6.5% to 42,700 and the unemployment rate increased +0.4 percentage points to 8.9% over August 1999.

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Subject: Industrial Capacity

INDUSTRIAL CAPACITY UTILIZATION RATES 2ND QUARTER 2000

In Canada 2nd quarter 2000, the industrial capacity utilization rate for non-farm, good-producing industries increased +0.4 percentage points to 87.9 over 1st quarter 2000, and increased +4.1 percentage points over 2nd quarter 1999.

Utilization rates for logging and forestry = 93.9%; mining = 80.7%; manufacturing = 88.4%; construction = 90.0%; electric power/gas distribution = 89.6%.

Editor's Note:
We are currently changing our listserv application, so over the next couple of days you may notice some small changes in format. Thank you.

From: Doug McCann
To: daily2
Date: 9/11/00 9:48AM
Subject: New Housing Price Index

NEW HOUSING PRICE INDEX JULY 2000
Statistics Canada Cat. No. 62-007-XPB

In Canada July 2000, the new housing price index (1992=100) increased +0.2% to 103.2 over June 2000, and increased +2.4% over July 1999.

In Halifax July 2000, the new housing price index (1992=100) increased +0.2% to 115.5 over June 2000, and increased +3.4% over July 1999.

From: Doug McCann
To: daily2
Date: 9/12/00 10:10AM
Subject: Grain Stocks; Children's participation in sports

GRAIN STOCKS JULY 31, 2000
Statistics Canada Cat. No. 22-002-XIB

In Canada July 31, 2000 the total stock wheat declined -1% to 7.4 million tonnes over July 31, 1999. Stocks of canola increased 226% to 2.1 million tonnes and barley increased 12% to 3.1 million tonnes over 1999.

CHILDREN'S PARTICIPATION IN SPORTS AUTUMN 2000
Canadian Social Trends, Statistics Canada Cat. No. 11-008-XPE

Factors that influence a child's participation in sports include parental involvement and family income.

In households with annual incomes under $40,000, 49% of children (aged 5 to 14) were involved in sports. In households with annual incomes of $80,000 or more, 73% of children were involved in sports.

In households with at least one parent active in sports (either as an athlete or volunteer) 86% of children were active in sports. In households where parents were not involved in sports, 36% of children were active in sports.

From: Doug McCann
To: daily2
Date: 9/13/00 10:21AM
Subject: Community Colleges

EDUCATION STAFF OF COMMUNITY COLLEGES AND VOCATIONAL SCHOOLS 1997/98

In Canada 1997/98, the number of educational staff employed declined -0.8% to 64,600 over 1996/97. The proportion of educational staff over age 50 declined to 28% from 33% in 1996/97.

From: Doug McCann
To: daily2
Date: 9/14/00 9:59AM
Subject: CPI; Motor Vehicle Sales; Women in Canada

CONSUMER PRICE INDEX AUGUST 2000
Statistics Canada Cat. No. 62-001-XPB

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NEW MOTOR VEHICLE SALES JULY 2000
Statistics Canada Cat. No. 63-007-XIB

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In Nova Scotia July 2000, new motor vehicle unit sales (seasonally adjusted) declined -6.2% to 3,596 over June 2000, and declined -2.4% over July 1999. New motor vehicle unit sales (unadjusted) declined -6.8% to 3,662 units over July 1999.

WOMEN IN CANADA 4TH EDITION
Statistics Canada Cat. No. 89-503-XPE

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From: Doug McCann
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Date: 9/14/00 10:36AM
Subject: CPI correction

CONSUMER PRICE INDEX AUGUST 2000
Statistics Canada Cat. No. 62-001-XPB

(Year over year changed should be 2.6%)

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From: Doug McCann
To: daily2
Date: 9/15/00 9:50AM
Subject: Travel

TRAVEL BETWEEN CANADA AND OTHER COUNTRIES JULY 2000
Statistics Canada Cat. No. 66-001-PIB

In Canada July 2000, the number of trips abroad (seasonally adjusted) by Canadians increased +0.3% to 3.9 million trips over June 2000. Trips abroad (unadjusted) increased +1.8% to 4.9 million trips over July 1999.

In Canada July 2000, the number of trips (seasonally adjusted) by foreigners to Canada declined -0.8% to 4.0 million over June 2000. Trips to Canada (unadjusted) declined -4.8% to 6.7 million over July 1999.

From: Doug McCann
To: daily2
Date: 9/18/00 12:22PM
Subject: Composite Index

COMPOSITE INDEX AUGUST 2000
Statistics Canada Cat. No. 11-010-XPB

In Canada August 2000, the composite leading indicator (1992=100) increased +0.4% to 164.8 over July 2000.

Five of ten indices were positive, one of ten indices were negative, and four of ten indices were unchanged. In August 1999, 5 indices were positive, 3 were negative and two were unchanged.

Business and personal services employment increased +0.4% to 2.4 million.
The TSE 300 stock price index (1975=1000) increased +3.7% to 10.090.
The money supply (M1 1992$) increased +0.8% to $91.3 billion.
New orders, durables (1992$) increased +1.6% to $22.5 billion.
Furniture and appliances sales (1992$) increased +0.2% to $1.5 billion.

The housing index (1992=100) declined -3.4% to 95.8

The US composite leading indicator (1992=100) remained unchanged at 108.4.
The average workweek (manufacturing) remained unchanged at 38.9 hours.
The shipments to inventories of finished goods ratio remained unchanged at 1.91.
Other durable goods sales (1992$) remained unchanged at $6.8 billion

From: Doug McCann
To: daily2
Date: 9/19/00 10:51AM
Subject: Manufacturing Shipments; Apprenticeship

MONTHLY SURVEY OF MANUFACTURING JULY 2000
Statistics Canada Cat. No. 31-001-XPB

An increase in manufacturer's inventories (+1.2%), coupled with a decline in shipments (-1.3%) has caused the inventories to shipments ratio to increase to a 12 month high of 1.34. However, unfilled orders and new orders were up significantly.

In Canada July 2000, manufacturer's shipments (seasonally adjusted) declined -1.3% to $44.3 billion over June 2000, and increased +9.1% over July 1999. Inventories increased +1.2% to $59.2 billion over June 2000, and increased +11.8% over July 1999. Unfilled orders increased +5.2% to $56.2 billion over June 2000, and increased +8.5% over July 1999. New orders increased +4.2% to $47.1 billion over June 2000, and increased +14.9% over July 1999. The inventories to shipments ratio increased to 1.34 from 1.30 in June 2000.

In Nova Scotia July 2000, manufacturer's shipments declined -3.3% to $681 million over June 2000.

REGISTERED APPRENTICESHIP TRAINING 1998

In Canada 1998, the number of apprentices registered increased +3.1% to 177,741 over 1997. Registrations have increased steadily from a low of 168,983 in 1993, but have yet to regain 1991 levels. In 1998 registrations were -7.9% lower than the 192,946 registrations in 1991.

The number of registrations in the construction, electronic and electrical trades are 26.1% and 21.5% below their 1991 levels, while registrations in food and services trades are up 58.4%.

From: Doug McCann
To: daily2
Date: 9/20/00 11:06AM
Subject: Int'l Mechandise Trade; Wholesale Trade; Employment Insurance; Natural Gas Sales

CANADIAN INTERNATIONAL MERCHANDISE TRADE JULY 2000
Statistics Canada Cat. No. 65-001-XIB

Nova Scotia imports surged to a new high of $3.2 billion in the 2nd quarter year-to-date. The major factor was the rebound of oil imports ($1.1 billion vs 0.4 billion last year).

Nova Scotia exports of natural gas ($50 million), as reported by Statistics Canada, only reflect the 1st quarter 2000.

http://www.gov.ns.ca/finance/statisti/bstat.asp

In Canada July 2000, merchandise trade exports (seasonally adjusted) declined -2.9% to $34.5 billion over June 2000, and increased +13.9% over July 1999. Year-to-date exports increased +16.3% to $237.4 billion over Jan-Jul 1999.

In Canada July 2000, merchandise trade imports (seasonally adjusted) declined -0.4% to $30.3 billion over June 2000, and increased +12.2% over July 1999. Year-to-date imports increased +12.3% to $208.5 billion over Jan-Jul 1999.

In Canada July 2000, merchandise balance of trade was a surplus of $4.2 billion. The year-to-date balance of trade was a surplus of $28.9 billion.

In Nova Scotia June 2000, merchandise trade exports (seasonally adjusted) declined -6.1% to $372.2 million over May 2000, and increased +4.5% over June 1999. Year-to-date exports increased +13.9% to $2.2 billion over Jan-Jun 1999.

In Nova Scotia June 2000, merchandise trade imports (seasonally adjusted) increased 82.4% to $707.2 million over May 2000, and increased +116.6% over June 1999. Year-to-date imports increased +53.2% to $3.2 billion over Jan-Jun1999.

WHOLESALE TRADE JULY 2000
Statistics Canada Cat. No. 63-008-XIB

In Canada July 2000, wholesale merchants' sales (seasonally adjusted) increased _0.6% to $32.3 billion over June 2000, and increased +8.1% over July 1999.

In Nova Scotia July 2000, wholesale merchants' sales (seasonally adjusted) increased +0.4% to $571 million over June 2000, and increased +5.8% over July 1999.

EMPLOYMENT INSURANCE JULY 2000

In Canada July 2000, the number of beneficiaries receiving regular benefits declined -11.8% to 397,820 over June 2000.

In Nova Scotia July 2000, the number of beneficiaries receiving regular benefits declined -1.7% to 22,780 over June 2000.

PUBLIC SECTOR EMPLOYMENT 2ND QUARTER 2000

In Canada 2nd quarter 2000, public sector employment increased +0.7% to 2.9 million over 2nd quarter 1999.

In Nova Scotia 2nd quarter 2000, public sector employment declined -3.0% to 101,660 over 2nd quarter 1999.

NATURAL GAS SALES JULY 2000
Statistics Canada Cat. No. 55-002-XIB

In Canada July 2000, natural gas sales increased +8.7% to 4.0 billion cubic metres over July 1999. Year-to-date sales increased +5.2% to 43.3 billion cubic metres over Jan-Jul 1999.

From: Doug McCann
To: daily2
Date: 9/21/00 12:15PM
Subject: Retail Sales

RETAIL SALES JULY 2000
Statistics Canada Cat. No. 63-005-XPB

Nova Scotia at +7.3%, ranks number three behind Alberta and Newfoundland in seasonally adjusted year-over-year retail sales growth. In unadjusted sales, Nova Scotia ranks number two.

In Canada July 2000, retail sales (seasonally adjusted) increased +1.3% to $23.3 billion over June 2000, and increased +6.7% over July 1999.

In Nova Scotia July 2000, retail sales (seasonally adjusted) increased +1.4% to $726 million over June 2000, and increased +7.3% over July 1999.

From: Doug McCann
To: daily2
Date: 9/22/00 11:22AM
Subject: Large Retailers

MONTHLY SURVEY OF LARGE RETAILERS JULY 2000

In Canada July 2000, sales by the group of large retailer increased +1.5% to $6.2 billion over July 1999.

In recent months members of the group of large retailer has changed. The following is the revised list.

Monthly Survey of Large Retailers - The Panel

The Food Retailers
- Atlantic Wholesalers Ltd.
- Buy Low Foods Ltd.
- Canada Safeway Limited
- E.U.M.R. Inc./Metro-Richelieu Inc.
- Loblaws Supermarkets Limited
- Loeb Canada Inc.
- Overwaitea Food Group & Division of Great Pacific Industries
- Provigo Distribution Inc. (including franchises)
- Sobeys Inc.
- The Great Atlantic & Pacific Company of Canada, Ltd.
- Westfair Foods Ltd.
- Zehrmart Inc.

The Department Stores (including concessions)
- Sears Canada Inc.
- Hudson's Bay Co.
- Wal-Mart Canada Inc.
- Zellers Inc. (also includes Best Value Stores)

The Other Non-Food Retailers
- 58133 Ontario Limited (Biway)
- 668824 Alberta Limited (Visions: The Big Name in Electronics)
- A & B Sound Limited
- A & P Drug Mart Ltd.

Boutique Au Coton Inc. B.A.C.
Boutique Jacob Inc.
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Canadian Tire Corporation, Limited
Château Stores of Canada Ltd.
Club Monaco Inc.
Colonial Furniture Inc.
Comark Inc.
Costco Wholesale Corp.
Cotton Ginny Limited
Dylex Limited
Eddie Bauer of Canada Inc.
Future Shop Ltd.
Gap (Canada) Inc.
Grafton - Fraser Inc.
Great Pacific Industries Inc. (Overwaitea Gas Division)
Harry Rosen Inc.
Holt Renfrew & Co. Ltd.
Hudson Bay Co. (Outfitters)
Ikea Canada Limited Partnership
International Clothiers Inc.
Intertan Canada Ltd. (Radio Shack Division)
La Senza Inc.
Laura's Shoppe (PV) Inc.
Laura's Shoppe Canada Ltd.
Leon's Furniture Limited
Les Ailes De La Mode Inc.
Les Boutiques San Francisco Inc.
Les Boutiques Victoire Delage Inc.
Les Boutiques West Coast Inc.
Les Industries Pantorama Inc.
Mark's Work Wearhouse Ltd.
Moore's The Suit People Inc.
Nigel Hogarth Holdings Ltd.
Nygard International Ltd.
Pharma Plus Drugmarts Ltd.
Price Costco Canada Inc.
Reitmans (Canada) Inc.
Roots Canada Ltd.

SAAN Stores Limited
Sears Canada Inc.
Shirmax Retail Ltd.
Sobey's Inc. (Western Cellars)
Sony Of Canada Ltd.
Sport-Chek International Ltd.
Sports Experts Inc.
Suzy Shier Inc.
Tabi International Limited
Talbots (Canada) Inc.
The Brick Warehouse Corporation
The Forzani Group Ltd.
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Les Boutiques West Coast Inc.
Les Industries Pantorama Inc.
Mark's Work Wearhouse Ltd.
Moore's The Suit People Inc.
Nigel Hogarth Holdings Ltd.
Nygard International Ltd.
Pharma Plus Drugmarts Ltd.
Price Costco Canada Inc.
Reitmans (Canada) Inc.
Roots Canada Ltd.

SAAN Stores Limited
Sears Canada Inc.
Shirmax Retail Ltd.
Sobey's Inc. (Western Cellars)
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Sport-Chek International Ltd.
Sports Experts Inc.
Suzy Shier Inc.
Tabi International Limited
Talbots (Canada) Inc.
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The Forzani Group Ltd.
Thrifty's Riding And Sports Limited
Venator Group of Canada Inc.
Westfair Foods Ltd. (Gas Division)
Winners Apparel Ltd.
YM Inc. (Sales)

From: Doug McCann
To: daily2
Date: 9/25/00 9:51AM
Subject: Int'l Trans Securities

CANADA'S INTERNATIONAL TRANSACTIONS IN SECURITIES JULY 2000
Statistics Canada Cat. No. 67-002-XIB

Canada's international transactions in securities remains in a deficit position, with Canadians investing more abroad than foreigners are investing in Canada. This year-to-date, the balance of trade is also much higher ($11 billion) than in 1999 ($2 billion).

In Canada July 2000, net foreign investment in Canadian securities was an outflow of -$455 million. Year-to-date net foreign investment in Canadian securities was an inflow of +$22.0 billion.

In Canada July 2000, net Canadian investment in foreign securities was an outflow of -$3.2 billion. Year-to-date net Canadian investment in foreign securities was an outflow of -$32.7 billion.

Note: Outflow indicates an outflow of money from Canada - either Canadians investing abroad, or foreigners withdrawing assets. Inflow indicates an inflow of money into Canada - either Canadians withdrawing assets from abroad or foreigners investing in Canada.

From: Doug McCann
To: daily2
Date: 9/26/00 10:38AM
Subject: Population; Migration; Multifactor Productivity

POPULATION ESTIMATES JULY 1, 2000

The latest population estimates show that for the second year in a row, net interprovincial migration to Nova Scotia was positive. More than one third of Nova Scotia's increase in population this year was due to this factor.

On July 1, 2000 the population of Canada was estimated to be 30,750,087, an increase of +0.8% over the previous year.

On July 1, 2000 the population of Nova Scotia was estimated to be 940,996, an increase of +0.2% over the previous year. Net interprovincial migration contributed 665 to the increase.

MIGRATION 1998/99

Halifax at +5.4%, ranks 10th among 25 census population areas in net migration. The inflow of migrants (1,888) is up from a net rate per 1000 population of +5.1% in 1997/98.

MULTIFACTOR PRODUCTIVITY 1999

Multifactor productivity measures the increase in output attributable to technological and organizational advances.

In Canada 1999, real GDP growth in the manufacturing sector was +6.2%. Multifactor productivity in this sector was +3.6% up from +0.6% in 1998..

In the goods-producing sector, multifactor productivity was +2.7% up from -0.6% a year earlier. Real GDP growth in this sector was +4.5%.

In the business sector multifactor productivity was +1.5% up from +0.1% in 1998. Real GDP growth in this sector was +4.8%.

In the services sector multifactor productivity was up slightly at +0.8% from +0.6% in 1998. Real GDP came in at +4.5% in this sector.

From: Doug McCann
To: daily2
Date: 9/28/00 9:51AM
Subject: Emp, Earns, Hrs; Crude Oil, Natural Gas; IPPI, RMPI

EMPLOYMENT EARNINGS AND HOURS JULY 2000
Statistics Canada Cat. No. 72-002-XPB

In Canada July 2000, average weekly earnings (seasonally adjusted) increased +0.4% to $627.49 over June 2000, and increased +2.7% over July 1999. Employment increased +0.1% to 12.2 million over June 2000.

In Nova Scotia July 2000, average weekly earnings (seasonally adjusted) declined -0.3% to $532.05 over June 2000, and increased +0.5% over July 1999. Employment declined -0.3% to 334,000 over June 2000.

CRUDE OIL AND NATURAL GAS JULY 2000
Statistics Canada Cat. No. 26-006-XPB

In Canada July 2000, production of crude oil increased +1.8% to 10.8 million cubic metres over July 1999. Year-to-date production increased +5.7% to 74.0 million cubic metres over Jan-Jul 1999.

In Canada July 2000, production of natural gas increased +1.2% to 13.5 billion cunbic metres over July 1999. Year-to-date production increased +2.1% over Jan-Jul 1999.

INDUSTRIAL PRODUCT AND RAW MATERIALS PRICE INDEXES AUGUST 2000.
Statistics Canada Cat. No. 62-011-XPB

In Canada August 2000, the industrial product price index (1992=100) increased +0.2% to 127.8 over July 2000, and increased +4.0% over August 1999.

In Canada August 2000, the raw materials price index (1992=100) increased +2.1% to 144.3 over July 2000, and increased +18.9% over August 1999. The RMPI, excluding minerals fuels, was unchanged at 122.1 over July 2000, and increased +4.0% over August 1999.

From: Doug McCann
To: daily2
Date: 9/29/00 10:27AM
Subject: GDP at FC; Tourism

GROSS DOMESTIC PRODUCT AT FACTOR COST BY INDUSTRY JULY 2000
Statistics Canada Cat. No. 15-001-XIE

In Canada July 2000, the gross domestic product (seasonally adjusted, at factor cost, by industry in constant 1992 dollars) increased +0.2% to $790 billion (annualized) over June 2000, and increased +4.6% over July 1999.

The goods-producing sector GDP remained unchanged (down -$57 million) month-over-month at $259.1 billion and increased +4.8% year-over-year.

The services-producing sector GDP increased +0.4% month-over-month to $530.5 billion, and increased +4.8% year-over-year.

NATIONAL TOURISM INDICATORS 2ND QUARTER 2000
Statistics Canada Cat No. 13-009-XPB

In Canada 2nd quarter 2000, tourism expenditures (unadjusted) increased +7.4% to $13.0 billion over 2nd quarter 1999 Employment generated by tourism activities increased +4.4% to 554,300 (unadjusted) full and part-time workers, over the 2nd quarter 1999.

From: Doug McCann
To: daily2
Date: 10/3/00 10:09AM
Subject: Dept Store Sales; Labour Income; Refined Petroleum Products; Community Colleges

DEPARTMENT STORE SALES AUGUST 2000

In Canada August 2000, department store sales (not seasonally adjusted) including concessions declined -2.3% to $1.5 billion over August 2000. Year-to-date sales increased +1.8% to $10.5 billion over Jan-Aug 1999.

In Nova Scotia August 2000, department store sales declined -5.6% to $44.7 million over August 1999. Year-to-date sales declined -0.3% to $312.0 million over Jan-Aug 1999.

ESTIMATES OF LABOUR INCOME JULY 2000
Statistics Canada Cat. No. 13F0016XPB

In Canada July 2000, total labour income increased +0.2% to $44.4 billion over June 2000.

DOMESTIC SALES OF REFINED PETROLEUM PRODUCTS AUGUST 2000

In Canada August 2000, the sale of refined petroleum products increased +2.4% to 8.4 million cubic metres over August 1999. Year-to-date sales increased +0.8% to 61.7 million cubic metres over Jan-Aug 1999.

COMMUNITY COLLEGES AND RELATED INSTITUTIONS
POSTSECONDARY STUDENT ENROLMENTS 1998/99

In Canada 1998/99, enrolment in career programs increased +2.4% to 298,898 students over the previous year, and increased +14.1% over the same period 5 years ago.

In Nova Scotia 1998/99, enrolment in career programs declined -3.7% to 7,039 students over the previous year, and increased +131.9% over the same period 5 years ago.

From: Doug McCann
To: daily2
Date: 10/4/00 10:08AM
Subject: Help-wanted Index

HELP-WANTED INDEX SEPTEMBER 2000
Statistics Canada Cat. No. 72F0002XCB

In Canada September 2000, the help-wanted index (1996=100) increased +2.4% to 174 over August 2000, and increased +7.4% over September 1999.

In Nova Scotia September 2000, the help-wanted index (1996=100) increased +1.2% to 165 over August 2000, and declined -1.8% over September 1999.

The help-wanted index is compiled from the help-wanted ads published in newspapers. In the Atlantic region these newspapers are:

Evening Telegram (St. John's)
The Guardian (Charlottetown)
The Chronical Herald (Halifax)
The Telegraph Journal (Saint John)

From: Doug McCann
To: daily2
Date: 10/5/00 10:16AM
Subject: Building Permits

BUILDING PERMITS AUGUST 2000
Statistics Canada Cat. No. 64-001-XIB

In Canada August 2000, the value of building permits increased +6.3% to $3.3 billion over July 2000. Year-to-date value increased +7.1% to $24.8 billion over Jan-Aug 1999.

In Nova Scotia August 2000, the value of building permits (seasonally adjusted) declined -39.9% to $58.1 million over July 2000. Year-to-date value increased +9.8% to $667.9 million over Jan-Aug 1999.

From: Doug McCann
To: daily2
Date: 10/6/00 10:30AM
Subject: Labour Force Survey

LABOUR FORCE SURVEY September 2000
Statistics Canada Cat. No. 71-001-PPB

also see
http://www.gov.ns.ca/fina/publish/pub19.htm
http://www.gov.ns.ca/fina/statisti/emp/empl1.htm

Finance IntraNet users see
http://iweb.gov.ns.ca/fina/statisti/library.htm

Seasonally Adjusted
(month over month)
In Canada September 2000 labour force increased +0.1% to 16.1 million, employment increased -0.4% to 15.0 million, unemployment declined -3.2% to 1.1 million, and the unemployment rate declined -0.3 percentage points to 6.8% over August 2000.

In Nova Scotia September 2000 labour force increased +0.4% to 461,700, employment increased +0.3% to 417,600, unemployment increased +1.1% to 44,100 and the unemployment rate increased -+0.1 percentage points to 9.6% over August 2000.

Unadjusted
(year over year)
In Canada September 2000 labour force increased +1.9% to 16.1 million, employment increased +2.4% to 15.0 million, unemployment declined -5.5% to 1.0 million, and the unemployment rate declined -0.5 percentage points to 6.3% over September 1999.

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percentage points to 8.6% over September 1999.

From: Doug McCann
To: daily2
Date: 10/13/00 10:16AM
Subject: Motor Vehicle Sales

MOTOR VEHICLE SALES AUGUST 2000
Statistics Canada Cat. No. 63-007-XIB

In Canada August 2000, new motor vehicle unit sales (seasonally adjusted) increased +5.1% to 139,281 units over July 2000 and increased +6.1% over August 1999. Unadjusted unit sales increased +13.0% to 141,733 units over August 1999.

In Nova Scotia August 2000, new motor vehicle unit sales (seasonally adjusted) increased +1.2% to 3,627 units over July 2000, and declined -2.6% over August 1999. Unadjusted unit sales increased +1.7% to 3,634 over August 1999.

From: Doug McCann
To: daily2
Date: 10/18/00 10:30AM
Subject: Manufacturing Shipments; Homicides

MONTHLY SURVEY OF MANUFACTURING AUGUST 2000
Statistics Canada Cat. No. 31-001-XPB

In Canada August 2000, manufacturer's shipments (seasonally adjusted) increased +2.0% to $45.4 billion over July 2000, and increased +8.0% over August 1999. Inventories increased +1.1% to $59.9 billion over July 2000, and increased +11.8% over August 1999. Unfilled orders remained unchanged at $56.0 billion over July 2000, and increased +6.6% over August 1999. New orders declined -3.6% to $45.4 billion over July 2000, and increased +6.2% over August 1999. The inventories to shipments ratio declined to 1.32 from 1.33 in July 2000.

In Nova Scotia August 2000, manufacturer's shipments increased +9.5% to $745 million over July 2000.

HOMICIDE STATISTICS 1999

In Canada 1999, the national homicide rate declined -4.0% to 1.76 homicides per 100,000 population over 1998. In 1999, 536 individuals were killed, down from 558 in 1998.

From: Doug McCann
To: daily2
Date: 10/19/00 2:45PM
Subject: Int'l Trade; Wholesale Trade

CANADIAN INTERNATIONAL MERCHANDISE TRADE AUGUST 2000
Statistics Canada Cat. No. 65-001-XPB

For the first eight month of 2000, Canadian exports in energy products have increased +72.6% to $31.2 billion for a surplus of almost $20 billion in energy products (61% of total surplus).

In Canada August 2000, the balance of trade (merchandise) was $4.0 billion. Year-to-date balance of trade (merchandise) was $32.8 billion.

In Canada August 2000, merchandise trade exports (seasonally adjusted) increased +1.0% to $34.8 billion over July 2000, and increased +10.7% over August 1999. Year-to-date exports increased +15.7% to $272.6 billion over Jan-Aug 1999.

In Canada August 2000, merchandise trade imports (seasonally adjusted) increased +0.8% to $30.8 billion over July 2000, and increased +11.3% over August 1999. Year-to-date imports increased +12.4% to $239.8 billion over Jan-Aug 1999.

WHOLESALE TRADE AUGUST 2000
Statistics Canada Cat. No. 63-008-XIB

In Canada August 2000, wholesale merchants' sales (seasonally adjusted) declined -0.8% to $32.0 billion over July 2000, and increased +5.6% over August 1999. Inventories increased +0.4% to $42.8 billion over July 2000, and increased +5.5% over August 1999.

In Nova Scotia, wholesale merchants' sales (seasonally adjusted) increased +0.6% to $581 million over July 2000, and increased +4.0% over August 1999.

From: Doug McCann
To: daily2
Date: 10/23/00 11:37AM
Subject: Retail Trade

RETAIL SALES AUGUST 2000
Statistics Canada Cat. No. 63-005-XPB

Since August 1997, monthly retail sales (seasonally adjusted) have increased by about $100 million (+16%) in Nova Scotia. Total wages and salaries have increased about $130 million (+16%) over the same time period.

In Canada August 2000, retail sales (seasonally adjusted) increased +0.1% to $24.4 billion over July 2000, and increased +5.7% over August 1999.

In Nova Scotia August 2000, retail sales (seasonally adjusted) declined -1.8% to $713 million over July 2000, and increased +4.1% over August 1999.

From: Doug McCann
To: daily2
Date: 10/24/00 11:12AM
Subject: Int'l Trade Securities; Charitable Donors

CANADA'S INTERNATIONAL TRANSACTIONS IN SECURITIES AUGUST 2000
Statistics Canada Cat. No. 67-002-XIB

In Canada August 2000, net foreign investment in Canadian securities was an inflow of -+2.7 billion. Year-to-date net foreign investment in Canadian securities was an inflow of +$25.5 billion.

In Canada August 2000, net Canadian investment in foreign securities was an outflow of -$5.9 billion. Year-to-date net Canadian investment in foreign securities was an outflow of -$39.1 billion.

Note: Outflow indicates an outflow of money from Canada - either Canadians investing abroad, or foreigners withdrawing assets. Inflow indicates an inflow of money into Canada - either Canadians withdrawing assets from abroad or foreigners investing in Canada.

CHARITABLE DONORS 1999

In Canada 1999, the number of taxfilers reporting charitable donations increased +0.05% to 5.4 million over 1998. Total donations reported increased +2.7% to $4.8 billion. Median donation amount was $180.

Nova Scotia ranked 5th among the provinces with a median donation of $240 per taxfiler. The number of donors and the amount donated remained unchanged at 158,840 and $117.1 million respectively.

From: Doug McCann
To: daily2
Date: 10/25/00 11:47AM
Subject: Composite Index; Employment Insurance; Natural Gas

COMPOSITE INDEX SEPTEMBER 2000
Statistics Canada Cat. No. 11-010-XPB

In Canada September 2000, the composite leading indicator (1992=100) increased +0.6% to 166.0 over August 2000.

Seven of ten indices were positive.

The housing index (1992=100) increased +0.5% to 97.9.
Business and personal services employment increased +0.8% to 2.5 million.
The TSE 300 stock price index (1975=1000) increased +2.0% to 10,296.
New orders, durables (1992$) increased +2.8% to $23.2 billion.
The shipments to inventories of finished goods ratio increased from 1.91 to 1.92.
Furniture and appliances sales (1992$) increased +1.1% to $1.5 billion.
Other durable goods sales (1992$) increased +1.3% to $6.9 billion

Two of ten indices were negative.

The money supply (M1 1992$) declined -0.1% to $91.2 billion.
The US composite leading indicator (1992=100) declined -0.1% to 108.3.

One of ten indices was unchanged

The average workweek (manufacturing) remained unchanged at 38.9 hours.

EMPLOYMENT INSURANCE AUGUST 2000

In Canada August 2000, the number of beneficiaries receiving regular benefits (unadjusted) declined -6.1% to 447,898.

In Nova Scotia August 2000, the number of beneficiaries receiving regular benefits (unadjusted) increased +5.2% to 26,315.

NATURAL GAS SALES AUGUST 2000
Statistics Canada Cat. No. 55-002-XIB
Nova Scotia Petroleum Directorate

In Canada August 2000, the sale of natural gas increased +20.1% to 3.4 billion cubic metres over August 1999. Year-to-date sales increased +6.0% to 44.5 billion cubic metres over Jan-Aug 1999.

In Nova Scotia August 2000, the natural gas production increased +7.2% to 386 million cubic metres over July 2000. Since startup in January, natural gas production has surpassed the 2 billion cubic metre mark.

From: Doug McCann
To: daily2
Date: 10/26/00 12:06PM
Subject: IPPI; RMPI; Employ, Earnings, Hours; Services Indicators

INDUSTRIAL PRODUCT AND RAW MATERIALS PRICE INDEX SEPTEMBER 2000
Statistics Canada Cat. No. 62-011-XPB

In Canada September 2000, the industrial product price index (1992=100) increased +0.5% to 128.4 over August 2000, and increased +4.0% over September 1999.

In Canada September 2000, the raw materials price index (1992=100) increased +3.0% to 149.1 over August 2000, and increased +18.1% over September 1999.

In Canada September 2000, the raw materials price index excluding minerals fuels (1992=100) declined -0.1% to 122.8 over August 2000, and increased +4.6% over September 1999.

EMPLOYMENT, EARNINGS AND HOURS AUGUST 2000
Statistics Canada Cat. No. 72-002-XPB

Nova Scotia has the 2nd to last lowest average weekly earnings (seasonally adjusted) of all provinces and territories.

In Canada August 2000, average weekly earnings (seasonally adjusted) increased +0.6% to $630.37 over July 2000, and increased +3.0% over August 1999. Employment increased +0.1% to 12.2 million over July 2000, and increased +0.3% over August 1999.

In Nova Scotia August 2000, average weekly earnings (seasonally adjusted) increased +0.3% to $534.25 over July 2000, and increased +3.0% over August 1999.

SERVICES INDICATORS 2nd QUARTER 2000
Statistics Canada Cat. No. 63-016-XPB

All key indicators in the Services sector were positive in the 2nd quarter 2000. Real GDP increased +0.9% over the last quarter and increased +3.9% over the same quarter last year. Exports increased +2.3% over the 1st quarter and increased +8.7% over last year. Imports increased +1.0% over 1stQ, and +7.6% over the same quarter 1999.

In the computer services sub-industry, computer systems design and related services were dominant. This sub-sector contributed 88% of enterprises (16,611), 74% of total revenues ($573,114 avg per firm) and 87% of operating profits (7% avg per firm) The largest concentration of computer systems design and related services was in Ontario with 50% of establishments, 50% of revenue) Atlantic Canada contributed 3% of establishments and 3% of revenue..

From: Doug McCann
To: daily2
Date: 10/30/00 10:00AM
Subject: Provincial GDP 1999

PROVINCIAL GROSS DOMESTIC PRODUCT 1999
Statistics Canada Cat. No. 13-213-XDB

The Nova Scotia economy grew at a rate (5.2%) higher than the national average (4.5%) in 1999. Of the ten province, Nova Scotia ranked third behind Ontario (6.1%) and Newfoundland (6.0%).

In Canada 1999, GDP at market prices ($1992) increased +4.5% to $880.3 billion over 1998.

In Nova Scotia 1999, GDP at market prices ($1992) increased +5.1% to $20.9 billion over 1998.

Factor Cost
In Canada GDP at factor cost ($1992) increased +4.3% to $750.0 billion. In Nova Scotia GDP at factor cost ($1992) increased +5.1% to $17.9 billion.

From: Doug McCann
To: daily2
Date: 10/31/00 12:11PM
Subject: GDP by Industry

GROSS DOMESTIC PRODUCT BY INDUSTRY AT FACTOR COST AUGUST 2000
Statistics Canada Cat. No. 15-001-XIE

In Canada August 2000, GDP all industries at factor cost ($1992) increased +0.4% to $792.6 billion (annualized) over July 2000, and increased +4.4% over August 1999.

From: Doug McCann
To: daily2
Date: 11/1/00 10:29AM
Subject: Help-Wanted Index; Crude oil, Natural gas

HELP-WANTED INDEX OCTOBER 2000

In Canada October 2000, the help-wanted index (1996=100), seasonally adjusted, increased +2.3% to 178 over September 2000, and increased +8.5% over October 1999.

In Nova Scotia October 2000, the help-wanted index (1996=100), seasonally adjusted, remained unchanged at 165 over September 2000, and declined -1.8% over October 1999.

CRUDE OIL AND NATURAL GAS AUGUST 2000
Statistics Canada Cat. No. 26-006-XPB

Domestic sales of natural gas increased +20.1% in August 2000 over the same month last year. Exports declined -1.5%.

In Canada August 2000, crude oil production increased +1.3% to 10.6 million cubic metres over August 1999. Year-to-date production increased +5.2% to 84.8 million cubic metres over Jan-Aug 1999

In Canada August 2000, natural gas production increased +4.4% to 13.8 billion cubic metres over August 1999. Year-to-date production increased +2.4% to 110.1 billion cubic metres over Jan-Aug 1999.

From: Doug McCann
To: daily2
Date: 11/2/00 10:04AM
Subject: Business Conditions; Petroluem Products

QUARTERLY BUSINESS CONDITIONS SURVEY
MANUFACTURING INDUSTRIES OCTOBER 2000

Manufacturers are generally, less optimistic about business conditions in the next quarter than in the last quarter. While opinions of volume of production and employment continue to be positive, manufacturers are concerned about orders and inventory levels.

In Canada October 2000, manufacturers (66%) expect that during the next three months the volume of production will remain about the same as the last three months and an additional 20% believe that volume will increase. .

Orders received by 71% of manufacturers are expected to be about the same as the last quarter, with 12% are expecting increases and 17% declines. 71% consider the present backlog of unfilled orders as about normal, 8%, higher than normal and 21% lower than normal. Most respondents (81%) believe the finished product inventory to be about right while 2% consider levels to be too low, and 17% believe they are too high. 72% believe that employment during the next three months will change little, 17% expect an increase and 11% a decrease.

Most manufacturers (80%) do not foresee any production difficulties. A small number (8%) think that they may experience a skilled labour shortage, 2% an unskilled labour shortage. 2% expect a working capital shortage and 3% a raw material shortage.

DOMESTIC SALES OF REFINED PETROLEUM PRODUCTS SEPTEMBER 2000

In Canada September 2000, sales of refined petroleum products increased +0.6% to 8.3 million cubic metres over September 1999. Year-to-date sales increased +0.9% to 70.0 million cubic metres over Jan-Sep 1999.

From: Doug McCann
To: daily2
Date: 11/3/00 11:08AM
Subject: Labour Force Survey

LABOUR FORCE SURVEY October 2000
Statistics Canada Cat. No. 71-001-PPB

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Seasonally Adjusted
(month over month)
In Canada October 2000 labour force increased +0.2% to 16.1 million, employment increased +0.1% to 15.0 million, unemployment increased +1.3% to 1.1 million, and the unemployment rate increased +0.1 percentage points to 6.9% over September 2000.

In Nova Scotia October 2000 labour force remained unchanged at to 461,500, employment increased +0.2% to 418,400, unemployment declined -2.3% to 43,100 and the unemployment rate declined -0.3 percentage points to 9.3% over September 2000.

Unadjusted
(year over year)
In Canada October 2000 labour force increased +2.1% to 16.1 million, employment increased +2.3% to 15.0 million, unemployment declined -1.1% to 1.0 million, and the unemployment rate declined -0.3 percentage points to 6.3% over October 1999.

In Nova Scotia October 2000 labour force increased +1.6% to 459,400, employment increased +1.9% to 421,500, unemployment declined -1.6% to 37,900 and the unemployment rate declined -0.3 percentage points to 8.2% over October 1999.

From: Doug McCann
To: daily2
Date: 11/6/00 10:30AM
Subject: Employment Insurance Statistics

This listserv, DailyStats, relies heavily on data provided by Statistics Canada. Employment Insurance statistics have been a regular monthly item. See DailyStats August 23, 2000.

Statistics Canada is currently re-evaluating its role and participation in the processing and dissemination of Employment Insurance Statistics and would like to ask you a few questions on the topic.

Questions:

Question 1: How are the data being used by your organization ?
Question 2: What would be the impact on your organization if Statistics Canada ceased to publish these data?
Question 3: Should Human Resources Development Canada be responsible to publish these data?
Question 4: What priority does your organization give to these data?
Question 5: Do you know of any other organization that use these data ? If so, please specify and provide a contact person, if possible

Comments and/or responses to mccannd@gov.ns.ca

Thank you.

From: Doug McCann
To: daily2
Date: 11/7/00 10:00AM
Subject: Building Permits

BUILDING PERMITS SEPTEMBER 2000
Statistics Canada 64-001-XIB

In Canada September 2000, the value of building permits (seasonally adjusted) increased +1.2% to $3.3 billion over August 2000. Year-to-date, building permits increased +8.2% to $28.2 billion in value over Jan-Sep 1999.

In Nova Scotia September 2000, the value of building permits (seasonally adjusted) declined -13.6% to $49.5 million over August 2000. Year-to-date, building permits increased +9.2% to $716.4 million in value over Jan-Sep 1999.

In Nova Scotia, September 2000, a decline in residential construction (-$13 million) was moderated by increased activity in non-residential construction (+$5.3 million). Year-to-date residential construction is up $55.2 million over last year.

From: Doug McCann
To: daily2
Date: 11/10/00 10:34AM
Subject: Housing Price Index; ICT Sector/ E-commerce

NEW HOUSING PRICE INDEX SEPTEMBER 2000
Statistics Canada Cat. No. 46-002-XIB

In Canada September 2000, the new housing price index (1992=100) increased +0.2% to 103.7 over August 2000, and increased +2.4% over September 1999.

In Halifax September 2000, the new housing price index (1992=100) declined -0.4% to 115.0 over August 2000, and increased +2.3% over September 1999.

INFORMATION AND COMMUNICATIONS TECHNOLOGIES AND ELECTRONIC COMMERCE IN CANADIAN INDUSTRY 1999
Statistics Canada Cat. No. 88F0006XIB No. 4

http://www.statcan.ca/english/research/88F0006XIB/88F0006XIB00004.pdf

In Canada 1999, internet-based sales (e-commerce) totaled $4.4 billion, or 0.2% to total economic activity.

The public sector is a model user of ICT, where 95% of institutions use the internet compared to 53% in the private sector.

From: Doug McCann
To: daily2
Date: 11/16/00 10:05AM
Subject: Composite Index; Motor Vehicle Sales

COMPOSITE INDEX OCTOBER 2000
Statistics Canada Cat. No. 11-010-XPB

In Canada October 2000, the composite leading indicator (1992=100) increased +0.7% to 167.6 over September 2000.

Eight of ten indices were positive.

The housing index (1992=100) increased +2.4% to 99.9.
Business and personal services employment increased +0.7% to 2.5 million.
The TSE 300 stock price index (1975=1000) increased +0.7% to 10,373.
The money supply (M1 1992$) increased +0.7% to $91.9 billion.
The average workweek (manufacturing) increased +0.5% to 39.3 hours.
New orders, durables (1992$) increased +0.5% to $23.3 billion.
Furniture and appliances sales (1992$) increased +0.3% to $1.5 billion.
Other durable goods sales (1992$) increased +0.9% to $7.0 billion

One of ten indices was negative.

The US composite leading indicator (1992=100) declined -0.1 % to 108.2.

One of ten indices was unchanged

The shipments to inventories of finished goods ratio remained unchanged at 1.92.

NEW MOTOR VEHICLE SALES SEPTEMBER 2000
Statistics Canada Cat. No. 63-007-XIB

In Canada September 2000, new motor vehicle unit sales (seasonally adjusted) increased +1.8% to 142,548 over August 2000, and increased +7.8% over September 1999. Unadjusted unit sales increased +7.4% to 146,361 over September 1999.

In Nova Scotia September 2000, new motor vehicle unit sales (seasonally adjusted) increased +3.4% to 3,755 over September 20000, and declined -3.9% over September 1999. Unadjusted unit sales declined -5.0% to 3,525 over September 1999.

From: Doug McCann
To: daily2
Date: 11/17/00 10:20AM
Subject: Manufacturing Shipments; Net Debt

MONTHLY SURVEY OF MANUFACTURING SEPTEMBER 2000
Statistics Canada Cat. No. 31-001-XPB

In Canada September 2000, manufacturer's shipments (seasonally adjusted) declined -1.0% to $44.9 billion over August 2000, and increased +7.2% over September 1999. Inventories increased +1.0% to $60.2 billion over August 2000, and increased +10.1% over September 1999. Unfilled orders declined -0.8% to $55.5 billion over August 2000, and increased +4.5% over September 1999. New orders declined -1.6% to $44.4 billion over August 2000, and increased +4.4% over September 1999. The inventories to shipments ratio increased to 1.34 from 1.32 in August 2000.

In Nova Scotia September 2000, manufacturer's shipments declined -4.3% to $711 million over August 2000.

FEDERAL GOVERNMENT FINANCE: ASSETS AND LIABILITIES MARCH 31, 2000

Net debt per capita has declined to 1994/95 level in dollar terms, and on a percentage of GDP basis to 1990/91 levels.

In Canada March 31, 2000, on a financial management system basis, the federal government net debt (liabilities/assets) per capita declined -3.3% to $18,401 over 1999. As a percentage of GDP, net debt has declined -6.4 percentage points to 55.8% over 1999. The net debt as of March 31, 2000 was $564.3 billion, down $14.0 billion over 1999.

From: Doug McCann
To: daily2
Date: 11/20/00 10:03AM
Subject: Wholesale trade

WHOLESALE TRADE SEPTEMBER 2000
Statistics Canada Cat. No. 63-008-XIB

In Canada September 2000, wholesale merchants' sales (seasonally adjusted) declined -0.9% to $31.6 billion over August 2000, and increased +4.8% over September 1999. Wholesale merchants' inventories increased +0.5% to $43.0 billion over August 2000, and increased +5.7% over September 1999.

In Nova Scotia September 2000, wholesale merchants' sales (seasonally adjusted) declined -5.8% to $544 million over August 2000, and decline -0.8% over September 1999.

From: Doug McCann
To: daily2
Date: 11/22/00 10:43AM
Subject: CPI; Int'l Trade; Retail Trade; Employment Ins; Natural Gas

CONSUMER PRICE INDEX SEPTEMBER 2000
Statistics Canada Cat. No. 62-001-XPB

In Canada October 2000, core CPI (consumer price index excluding food and energy) increased +0.2% to 112.4 over September 2000, and increased +1.3% over October 1999. (Note that the Bank of Canada's target for core CPI is between 1% and 3%.)

In Canada October 2000, the consumer price index all items (1992=100) increased +0.2% to 114.6 over September 2000, and increased +2.8% over October 1999.

In Nova Scotia September 2000, the consumer price index all item (1992=100) increased +0.3% to 115.4 over September 2000, and increased +3.3% over October 1999.

CANADIAN INTERNATIONAL MERCHANDISE TRADE SEPTEMBER 2000
Statistics Canada Cat. No. 65-001-XIB

In Canada September 2000, merchandise trade exports (seasonally adjusted) increased +0.1% to $34.9 billion over August 2000, and increased +14.1% over September 1999. Year-to-date exports increased +15.6% to $307.7 billion over Jan-Sep1999.

In Canada September 2000, merchandise trade imports (seasonally adjusted) declined -0.7% to $30.6 billion over August 2000, and increased +10.4% over September 1999. Year-to-date imports increased +12.2% to $270.5 billion over Jan-Sep 1999.

In Canada September 2000, merchandise balance of trade was a surplus of $4.3 billion. The year-to-date balance of trade was a surplus of $37.3 billion.

In Nova Scotia August 2000, year-to-date exports increased +18.9% to $3.1 billion over Jan-Aug 1999.

In Nova Scotia August 2000, year-to-date imports increased +30.7% to $3.8 billion over Jan-Aug 1999.

RETAIL TRADE SEPTEMBER 2000
Statistics Canada Cat. No. 63-005-XIB

In Canada September 2000, retail sales (seasonally adjusted) increased +0.4% to $23.5 billion over August 2000, and increased +6.0% over September 1999.

In Nova Scotia July 2000, retail sales (seasonally adjusted) remained unchanged at $714 million over August 2000, and increased +3.7% over September 1999.

EMPLOYMENT INSURANCE

In Canada September 2000, the number of beneficiaries receiving regular benefits declined -9.5% to 335,420 over September 1999.

In Nova Scotia September 2000, the number of beneficiaries receiving regular benefits declined -0.8% to 20,800 over September 1999.

NATURAL GAS SALES SEPTEMBER 2000
Statistics Canada Cat. No. 55-002-XIB

In Canada September 2000, sales of natural gas increased +10.2% to 3.8 billion cubic metres over September 1999. Year-to-date sales increased +7.1% to 48.5 billion cubic metres over Jan-Sep 1999.

In Nova Scotia September 2000, natural gas production declined slightly to 372.8 million cubic metres over August 2000 (386.0 million cu m). Year-to-date production has reached 2.4 billion cubic metres.

From: Doug McCann
To: daily2
Date: 11/23/00 11:58AM
Subject: Int'l trade securities; Farm cash receipts; Net farm income

CANADA'S INTERNATIONAL TRANSACTIONS IN SECURITIES SEPTEMBER 2000
Statistics Canada Cat. No. 67-002-XIB

In Canada September 2000, net foreign investment in Canadian securities was an inflow of +$366 million. Year-to-date net foreign investment in Canadian securities was an inflow of +$27.1 billion.

In Canada September 2000, net Canadian investment in foreign securities was an outflow of -$12.8 billion. Year-to-date net Canadian investment in foreign securities was an outflow of -$45.2 billion.

Note: Outflow indicates an outflow of money from Canada - either Canadians investing abroad, or foreigners withdrawing assets. Inflow indicates an inflow of money into Canada - either Canadians withdrawing assets from abroad or foreigners investing in Canada.

FARM CASH RECEIPTS

In Canada January to September 2000, farm cash receipts increased +8.8% to $24.2 billion over the same period in 1999.In the 3rd quarter 2000, farm cash receipts increased +6.0% to $7.9 billion over Jul-Sep 1999.

In Nova Scotia January to September 2000, farm cash receipts increased +4.7% to $288 million over the same period last year. In the 3rd quarter 2000, farm cash receipts declined -3.7% to $104 million over Jul-Sep 1999.

NET FARM INCOME 1999

In Canada 1999, net farm income increased +8.6% to $3.0 billion over 1998.

Total farm cash receipts increased +2.1% to $30.5 billion, total operating expenses increased +3.5% to $24.3 billion, for a decline of -3.1% ($6.1 billion) in net cash income over 1998. Depreciation expense increased +2.7% to $3.9 billion (+$102 million), but the value of inventory increased $522 million. Income in kind was up +$12 million at $164 million over 1998.

From: Doug McCann
To: daily2
Date: 11/27/00 10:24AM
Subject: Home repairs

HOME REPAIRS AND RENOVATIONS 1999
Statistics Canada Cat. No. 62-201-XIB
http://www.statcan.ca/english/Pgdb/People/Families/famil80a.htm

In Canada 1999, homeowner households spent an average of $1,810 on repairs and renovations. Total expenditures (current $) increased to $13.6 billion from 12.6 billion in 1998.

In Nova Scotia 1999, homeowner households spent an average of $1,654 on repairs and renovations. Total expenditures (current $) were $422.8 million in 1999.

From: Doug McCann
To: daily2
Date: 11/28/00 3:55PM
Subject: Crude Oil; Natural Gas; Travel

CRUDE OIL AND NATURAL GAS SEPTEMBER 2000
Statistics Canada Cat. No. 26-006-XPB

In Canada September 2000, crude oil production increased +6.3% to 10.5 million cubic metres over September 1999. Year-to-date production increased +5.4% to 95.4 million cubic metres over Jan-Sep 1999.

In Canada September 2000, natural gas production increased +3.0% to 13.3 billion cubic metres over September 1999. Year-to-date production increased +2.5% to 123.4 billion cubic metres over Jan-Sep 1999.

INTERNATIONAL TRAVEL ACCOUNT 3RD QUARTER 2000

In the 3rd quarter 2000, Canadians international travel deficit (seasonally adjusted) declined to -$530 million from the -$630 deficit posted in 2nd quarter 2000. Canadian spending abroad declined -2.2% to $4.4 billion over the 2nd quarter. Foreigners spending in Canada remained unchanged at $3.9 billion.

CHARACTERISTICS OF INTERNATIONAL TRAVELERS 2ND QUARTER 2000

In Canada 2nd quarter 2000, foreigners visits to Canada increased +3.0% to 5.2 million tourists over 2nd quarter 1999. The numbers of Canadian trips to the United States increased +4.6% to 3.7 million over the 2nd quarter 1999. The number of Canadian travelling overseas increased +10.2% to more than 1 million in the same period.

From: Doug McCann
To: daily2
Date: 11/29/00 11:52AM
Subject: IPPI; RMPI; Emp, Earns, Hrs; Harassment

INDUSTRIAL PRODUCT PRICE INDEX OCTOBER 2000
Statistics Canada 62-011-XPB

In Canada October 2000, the industrial product price index (1992=100) increased +0.6% to 128.3 over September 2000, and increased +4.4% over October 1999.

RAW MATERIALS PRICE INDEX OCTOBER 2000
Statistics Canada Cat. No. 62-011-XPB

In Canada October 2000, the raw materials price index (1992=100) increased +0.5% to 150.5 over September 2000, and increased +20.4% over October 1999.

The raw materials price index excluding mineral fuels increased +0.2% to 123.2 over September 2000, and increased +4.1% over October 1999.

EMPLOYMENT, EARNINGS AND HOURS SEPTEMBER 2000
Statistics Canada Cat. No. 72-002-XPB

In Canada September 2000, average weekly earnings (seasonally adjusted) increased +0.2% to $630.57 over August 2000, and increased +2.9% over September 1999. Employment (seasonally adjusted) increased +0.5% to 12.3 million over August 2000.

In Nova Scotia September 2000, average weekly earnings (seasonally adjusted) declined -0.4% to $528.98 over August 2000, and increased +2.6% over September 1999. Employment (seasonally adjusted) increased +2.4% over August 2000.

CRIMINAL HARASSMENT 1999
Statistics Canada Cat. No. 85-002-XIE Vol. 20, No. 11.

In Canada 1999, one hundred and six police forces reporting, the incidence of criminal harassment (stalking) increased +6.0% to 5,382 incidents over 1998.

From: Doug McCann
To: daily2
Date: 12/1/00 10:45AM
Subject: Labour Force Survey

LABOUR FORCE SURVEY November 2000
Statistics Canada Cat. No. 71-001-PPB

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http://www.gov.ns.ca/fina/statisti/emp/empl1.htm

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(month over month)
In Canada November 2000 labour force increased +0.4% to 16.1 million, employment increased +0.4% to 15.0 million, unemployment remained unchanged at 1.1 million, and the unemployment rate remained unchanged at 6.9% over October 2000.

In Nova Scotia November 2000 labour force increased +0.6% to 464,100, employment increased +0.4% to 420,200, unemployment increased +1.9% to 43,900 and the unemployment rate increased -+0.2 percentage points to 9.5% over October 2000.

Unadjusted
(year over year)
In Canada November 2000 labour force declined -0.1% to 16.0 million, employment declined -0.2% to 15.0 million, unemployment increased +2.0% to 1.0 million, and the unemployment rate increased +0.2
percentage points to 6.5% over November 1999.

In Nova Scotia November 2000 labour force remained unchanged at 459,400, employment declined -1.0% to 417,100, unemployment increased +11.6% to 42,300 and the unemployment rate increased +1.0
percentage points to 9.2% over November 1999.

Note: In November 2000, Halifax participation rate (3 month moving average unadjusted) ranks among the top five census metropolitan areas (CMA) at 70.1% (Calgary = 75.2, Regina = 71.4, Kitchener = 71.1, Edmonton = 70.6).

From: Doug McCann
To: daily2
Date: 12/1/00 11:29AM
Subject: Labour Force Survey - error

Please note that there was an error in the 8:30 A.M. release of the Daily from Statistics Canada for the labour force survey. A corrected version will be available shortly.

The Statistics Division publication, DailyStats will be revised and re-published as soon as the revised data is available.

This change does not affect the Statistics Division publication, Employment Situation
http://www.gov.ns.ca/finance/publish/pub19.htm

From: Doug McCann
To: daily2
Date: 12/1/00 1:29PM
Subject: Labour Force Survey - revised

LABOUR FORCE SURVEY November 2000
Statistics Canada Cat. No. 71-001-PPB

also see
http://www.gov.ns.ca/fina/publish/pub19.htm
http://www.gov.ns.ca/fina/statisti/emp/empl1.htm

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(year over year)
Note: The following data has been revised.

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From: Doug McCann
To: daily2
Date: 12/1/00 3:29PM
Subject: Help-wanted index; Film Industry; Freight Carriers

HELP WANTED INDEX NOVEMBER 2000

In Canada November 2000, the help-wanted index (1996=100), seasonally adjusted and smoothed, increased +1.7% to 181 over October 2000, and increased +9.0% over November 1999.

In Nova Scotia November 2000, the help-wanted index (1996=100), seasonally adjusted and smoothed, remained unchanged at 165 over October 2000, and declined -1.8% over November 1999.

FILM AND VIDEO DISTRIBUTION 1998/99
Statistics Canada Cat. No. 87F0010XPE

In Canada 1998/99 total revenue from film, video and audio-visual distribution and videocassette wholesaling increased +16.1% to $2.1 billion over 1997/98. Expenses in the industry increased +0.2% to $1.8 billion over 1997/98.

Profit for the year was $14.4 million.

FOR-HIRE MOTOR CARRIERS OF FREIGHT, ALL CARRIERS 2ND QUARTER 2000

In Canada 2nd quarter 2000, average operaging revenues of for-hire trucking companies increased +12% to $1.84 over 2nd quarter 1999. Operating expenses increased +13% to $1.71 million over the same period as last year. Total fuel expenses increased +59% over 2ndQ 1999.

STATISTICS CANADA RELEASE DATES

For a list of release dates for Statistics Canada data, please link to the following site>
http://www.statcan.ca/english/Release/2001.htm

From: Doug McCann
To: daily2
Date: 12/4/00 10:36AM
Subject: Large Retailers; Environment Industry

MONTHLY SURVEY OF LARGE RETAILERS SEPTEMBER 2000

In Canada September 2000, sales by the group of large retailers increased +6.2% to $6.4 billion over September 1999. Year-to-date sales increased +4.9% to $52.9 billion over Jan-Sep 1999.

ENVIRONMENT INDUSTRY 1998
Statistics Canada Cat. No. 16F0008XIE

In Canada 1998, businesses comprising the environment industry employed 164,341 in 6,294 business establishments. Total revenue increased +24% to $14.3 billion over 1997.

In Nova Scotia 1998, business comprising the environment industry employed 4,744 in 330 establishments. Total revenue increased +10.8% to $271.9 million.

From: Doug McCann
To: daily2
Date: 12/6/00 10:16AM
Subject: Building Permits; Farm Revenue

BUILDING PERMITS OCTOBER 2000
Statistics Canada Cat. No. 64-001-XIB

In October, Nova Scotia led the country in gains in the value of non-residential building permits (+151.6%).

In Canada October 2000, the value of building permits (seasonally adjusted) declined -6.8% to $3.1 billion over September 2000. Year-to-date building permits increased +7.8% to $31.3 billion over Jan-Oct 1999.

In Nova Scotia October 2000, the value of building permits (seasonally adjusted) increased +58.1% to $76.7 million over September 2000. Year-to-date building permits increased +5.7% to $792.3 million over Jan-Oct 1999.

FARMING OPERATING REVENUES AND EXPENSES 1999

In Canada 1999, average operating revenues per farm increased +2.8% to $158,339, over 1998. Average operating expenses increased +4.0% to $135,581. Operating margin (net revenue/revenue) declined to 14.4% from 15.3% in 1998.

From: Doug McCann
To: daily2
Date: 12/7/00 10:11AM
Subject: Industrial Capacity; Nova Scotia Exports

INDUSTRIAL CAPACITY UTILIZATION RATES 3RD QUARTER 2000

In Canada 3rd quarter 2000, the total non-farm goods-producing industries, industrial capacity utilization rate declined -0.1 percentage points to 86.9% over the 2nd quarter 2000, and increased +1.5 percentage points over the 3rd quarter 1999.

By sector: Construction = 91.6%,
logging and forestry = 90.2%,
electric power and gas distribution = 88.5%,
manufacturing = 87.5%,
mining, quarrying and oil wells = 76.3%

NOVA SCOTIA EXPORTS 3RD QUARTER 2000
Statistics Canada Cat. No. 65C0003
Industry Canada http://strategis.ic.gc.ca/sc_mrkti/tdst/engdoc/tr_homep.html

In Nova Scotia 3rd quarter year-to-date, international merchandise exports increased +20.9% to $3.5 billion over the 3rd quarter year-to-date 1999.

Not included in the data is about $150 to $200 million in natural gas exports to the US (April, August, September data), This would increase domestic exports to about $3.7 billion (26% increase over 3rd quarter 1999).

Other highlights include: fish and fish preparations, increased 10.9% to $829 million; special transactions (including tires), increased +16.5% to $679 million; non-metallic minerals and mineral fuels, increased about 400% to $500+ million.

From: Doug McCann
To: daily2
Date: 12/11/00 10:18AM
Subject: Housing Price Index; Retired Women

NEW HOUSING PRICE INDEX OCTOBER 2000
Statistics Canada Cat. No. 62-007-XPB

Halifax ranks number 1 for all major cities (CMA's) east of Winnipeg for growth (since 1992) in the new housing prices.

In Canada October 2000, the new housing price index (1992=100) increased +0.2% to 103.9 over September 2000, and increased +2.4% over October 1999.

In Halifax October 2000, the new housing price index (1992=100) increased +0.4% to 115.5 over September 2000, and increased +2.2% over October 1999.

Note: the new housing price index is an index of contractors' selling prices.

INCOMES OF YOUNGER RETIRED WOMEN: THE PAST 30 YEARS
Statistics Canada Cat. No. 75-001-XIE, Vol. 1 No. 3

In Canada 1971 to 1997, the average income (after tax in 1997$) of women aged 65 to 69 has increased from $8,900 (1971) to $14, 200 (1997). The income ratio, women/men has increased from 0.41 (1971) to 0.61 (1997). Over the same period the labour force participation rate of these women when the were aged 50 to 54, increased from 39% (1969) to 71% (1999).

From: Doug McCann
To: daily2
Date: 12/12/00 12:23PM
Subject: Household Spending; Freight Carriers

HOUSEHOLD SPENDING 1999
Statistics Canada Cat. No. 62F0031XDB - 62F0035XDB, 62F0041XDB - 62F0045XDB
http://www.statcan.ca/english/Pgdb/People/Families/famil16a.htm
http://www.statcan.ca/english/Pgdb/People/Families/famil10a.htm
http://www.statcan.ca/english/Pgdb/People/Families/famil09a.htm

In Canada 1999, average household spending increased +4.4% to $53,470 over 1998. (Food = 12%, shelter= 20%, transportation = 13%, taxes = 22%)

Spending patterns on the four major categories of the lowest 25% of households were unchanged (food = 18%, shelter = 32%, transportation = 11%, personal income taxes = 3%) over 1998. In the highest bracket, households spent 1% less on shelter (food = 9%, shelter = 15%, transportation = 12%, personal income taxes = 30%) in 1999.

In Nova Scotia 1999, average household spending increased +5.9% to $45,850 over 1998. (Food = 12%, shelter= 18%, transportation = 14%, taxes = 19%)

In Halifax 1999, average household spending increased +3.5% to $52,420 over 1998. (Food = 10%, shelter= 20%, transportation = 12%, taxes = 22%)

FOR-HIRE MOTOR CARRIERS OF FREIGHT ANNUAL SUPPLEMENT 1999

In Canada 1999, the net profit of for-hire carriers of freight declined to $438 million from $463 million in 1998. The operating revenue of for-hire carriers (2,500) earning at least $1 million annually was $16.2 billion, and operating expenses totaled $15.4 billion.

From: Doug McCann
To: daily2
Date: 12/13/00 12:30PM
Subject: Neighbourhood Inequality

NEIGHBOURHOOD INEQUALITY IN CITIES
Statistics Canada Cat. No. 11F0019MIE No. 160

In Canada's eight largest cities (CMA's), 1980 to 1995, average family employment earnings in the poorest neighbourhoods (lowest 10%), declined between 11% to 33% and core-aged unemployment (25 to 54 yrs old) increased +7.7 percentage points to 18.9%. In the richest neighbourhoods (highest 10%), average family employment earnings increased 1% to 16%, and unemployment increased +1.1 percentage points to 4.4%.

Total average income (including transfer payments) declined 8% to 18% in the poorest neighbourhoods of seven CMAs (Ottawa-Hull increased 1%). In the richest neigbourhoods of seven CMAs, total average income increased fro 2% to 11% (Vancouver declined -4%) .

Transfer payments increased total average income more in the middle income neighbourhoods in the eight CMAs surveyed. Increases in the poorest neighbourhoods ranged from 47% to 115%; in the middle neigbourhoods from 60% to 150%; in the richest neighbourhoods from 38% to 113%.

From: Doug McCann
To: daily2
Date: 12/14/00 10:29AM
Subject: CPI; Motor Vehicle Sales; Police Officers; Fed-Prov Gov't Enterprises

CONSUMER PRICE INDEX NOVEMBER 2000
Statistics Canada Cat. No. 62-001-XPB

In Canada November 2000, core CPI (consumer price index excluding food and energy) increased +0.5% to 113.0 over October 2000, and increased +1.7% over November 1999.

(Note that the Bank of Canada's target for core CPI is between 1% and 3%.)

In Canada November 2000, the consumer price index (1992=100), not seasonally adjusted, increased +0.3% to 115.0 over October 2000, and increased +3.2% over November 1999.

In Nova Scotia November 2000, the consumer price index (1992=100), not seasonally adjusted, increased +0.7% to 116.2 over October 2000, and increased +3.8% over November 1999.

NEW MOTOR VEHICLE SALES OCTOBER 2000
Statistics Canada Cat. No. 63-007-XIB

In Canada October 2000, new motor vehicle unit sales (seasonally adjusted) declined -12.4% to 123,313 units over September 2000, and declined -4.8% over October 1999. Unadjusted unit sales declined -6.2% to 112,936 over October 1999.

In Nova Scotia October 2000, new motor vehicle unit sales (seasonally adjusted) declined -6.1% to 3,474 units over September 2000, and declined -4.3% over October 1999. Unadjusted units sales declined -6.7% to 2,798 units over October 1999.

POLICE RESOURCES IN CANADA 2000
Statistics Canada Cat. NO. 85-225-XIE

In Canada 2000, the number of police officers per 100,000 population declined -2.8% to 182 over 1995. The total number of police officers was 56,020.

In Nova Scotia 2000, the number of police officers per 100,000 population declined -2.1% to 170 over 1995. The total number of police officers was 1,600.

FEDERAL GOVERNMENT ENTERPRISES
Fiscal Year ended December 31, 1999

Federal government enterprises after-tax profits declined -1.4% to $3.9 billion over 1998. (remitted profits = $3.7 billion)

PROVINCIAL AND TERRITORIAL GOVERNMENT ENTERPRISES
Fiscal Year ended December 31, 1998

In Canada 1998, total remitted profits increased +$671 million to $7.9 billion over 1997.

In Nova Scotia 1998, remitted profits increased +$3 million to $260 million over 1997.

From: Doug McCann
To: daily2
Date: 12/15/00 10:04AM
Subject: Composite Index; Energy Suppy/Demand

COMPOSITE INDEX NOVEMBER 2000
Statistics Canada Cat. No. 11-010-XPB

In Canada October 2000, the composite leading indicator (1992=100) increased +0.3% to 168.0 over October 2000.

Seven of ten indices were positive.

The housing index (1992=100) increased +1.1% to 100.6.
Business and personal services employment increased +0.5% to 2.5 million.
The money supply (M1 1992$) increased +0.3% to $92.4 billion.
The average workweek (manufacturing) increased +0.3% to 39.3 hours.
New orders, durables (1992$) increased +0.9% to $23.5 billion.
Furniture and appliances sales (1992$) increased +0.6% to $1.5 billion.
Other durable goods sales (1992$) increased +1.3% to $7.1 billion

Two of ten indices was negative.

The US composite leading indicator (1992=100) declined -0.1 % to 108.1.
The TSE 300 stock price index (1975=1000) declined -2.7% to 10,098.

One of ten indices was unchanged

The shipments to inventories of finished goods ratio remained unchanged at 1.91.

ENERGY SUPPLY AND DEMAND 4TH QUARTER 1999
Statistics Canada Cat. No. 57-003-XPB

In Canada 4th quarter 1999, energy production increased +1.6% to 3,978 petajoules (equivalent to about 120 billion litres of gasoline) over the 4th quarter 1998.
Domestic demand increased +1.5% to 1,866 petajoules over the same period last year.

Year-to-date production declined -0.2% to 15,343 petajoules over 1998. Domestic demand increased +2.4% to 7,124 petajoules over 1998.

From: Doug McCann
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Date: 12/18/00 10:17AM
Subject: Manufacturers Shipments; Public Sector Employment; Abortions

MONTHLY SURVEY OF MANUFACTURING OCTOBER 2000
Statistics Canada Cat. No. 31-001-XPB

In Canada October 2000, manufacturer's shipments (seasonally adjusted) increased +1.7% to $45.5 billion over September 2000, and increased +8.9% over October 1999. Inventories increased +1.0% to $60.9 billion over September 2000, and increased +10.7% over October 1999. Unfilled orders increased +0.2% to $55.6 billion over September 2000, and increased +2.4% over October 1999. New orders increased +4.3% to $45.7 billion over September 2000, and increased +7.0% over October 1999. The inventories to shipments ratio declined to 1.34 from 1.35 in September 2000.

In Nova Scotia October 2000, manufacturer's shipments declined -6.2% to $662 million over September 2000.

PUBLIC SECTOR EMPLOYMENT 3RD QUARTER 2000

In Canada 3rd quarter 2000, public sector employment increased +0.7% to 2.7 million over 3rd quarter 1999.

In Nova Scotia 3rd quarter 2000, public sector employment declined -1.8% to 97,417 over 3rd quarter 1999.

THERAPEUTIC ABORTIONS 1998

In Canada 1998, the rate of therapeutic abortions per 1,000 population (females 15 to 44) declined to 16.13 from 16.34 in 1997. The number of therapeutic abortions declined -1.23% to 110,331 over 1997.

In Nova Scotia 1998, the rate of therapeutic abortions per 1,000 population (females 15 to 44) increased to 9.74 from 9.64 in 1997. The number of therapeutic abortions increased +0.39% to 2,053 over 1997.

From: Doug McCann
To: daily2
Date: 12/19/00 10:16AM
Subject: Int'l Merchandise Trade; Wholesale Trade; Break and Enter; Natural Gas Sales; Population

CANADIAN INTERNATIONAL MERCHANDISE TRADE OCTOBER 2000
Statistics Canada 65-001-XPB

In Canada October 2000, merchandise exports increased +0.8% to $35.1 billion over September 2000, and +13.5% over October 1999. Year-to-date exports increased +15.6% to $343.4 billion over Jan-Oct 1999.

In Canada October 2000, merchandise imports increased +0.1% to $30.5 billion over September 2000, and +7.7% over October 1999. Year-to-date exports increased +11.7% to $300.9 billion over Jan-Oct 1999.

In Canada October 2000, the international merchandise balance of trade remained unchanged at $4.6 billion over September 2000, and increased to $42.5 billion from $27.6 billion in Jan-Oct 1999.

WHOLESALE TRADE OCTOBER 2000
Statistics Canada Cat. No. 63-008-XIB

In Canada October 2000, wholesale merchants' sales (seasonally adjusted) increased +1.2% to $32.0 billion over September 2000, and increased +4.5% over October 1999.

Wholesale merchants' inventories remained unchanged at $43.0 billion over September 2000, and increased +5.1% over October 1999.

In Nova Scotia October 2000, wholesale merchants' sales increased +5.5% to $580 million over September 2000, and increased +6.3% over October 1999.

BREAK AND ENTER 1999
Statistics Canada Cat. No. 85-002-XIE

In Canada 1999, over the last five years, residential break and enters declined -17.1% to 197,781. The current rate of B&E's is 649 per 100,000 population.

In Nova Scotia 1999, over the last five years, residential break and enters increased +5.5% to 5,436. The current rate of B&E's is 578 per 100,000 population.

In Halifax 1999, over the last five years, residential break and enters increased +1.9% to 2,733. The current rate of B&E's is 775 per 100,000 population.

NATURAL GAS SALES OCTOBER 2000

In Canada October 2000, natural gas sales increased +12.8% to 5.3 billion cubic metres over October 1999. Year-to-date sales increased +7.8% to 57.2 billion cubic metres over Jan-Oct 1999.

DEMOGRAPHIC STATISTICS
Statistics Canada Cat. No. 91-002-XPB

As of October 1, 2000 Canada's population is estimated to be 30,838,246.

Nova Scotia's population is estimated to be 942,660

From: Doug McCann
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Date: 12/20/00 10:35AM
Subject: Retail Sales; Labour Productivity; Employment Insurance

RETAIL TRADE OCTOBER 2000
Statistics Canada Cat. No. 63-005-XIB

In Canada October 2000, retail sales (seasonally adjusted) declined -0.9% to $22.3 billion over September 2000, and increased +6.3% over October 1999. Unadjusted retail sales increased +3.7% to $22.8 billion over October 1999.

In Nova Scotia October 2000, retail sales (seasonally adjusted) declined -1.6% to $703 million over September 2000, and increased +2.1 over October 1999. Unadjusted retail sales declined -1.0% to $678 million over October 1999.

LABOUR PRODUCTIVITY 3RD QUARTER 2000

In Canada 3rd quarter 2000, labour productivity (real GDP per hour worked) increased +2.1% over the 3rd quarter 1999. Average growth in labour productivity since 1988 has been 1%.

EMPLOYMENT INSURANCE OCTOBER 2000

In Canada October 2000, the number of beneficiaries (unadjusted) receiving regular benefits declined -9.6% to 356,870 over October 1999.

In Nova Scotia October 2000, the number of beneficiaries (unadjusted) receiving regular benefits declined -1.9% to 22,570 over October 1999.

From: Doug McCann
To: daily2
Date: 12/21/00 9:58AM
Subject: Int'l Trade securities; Emp, Earns, Hrs; Retail Sales; Large Retailers

CANADA'S INTERNATIONAL TRANSACTIONS IN SECURITIES OCTOBER 2000
Statistics Canada Cat. No. 67-002-XIB

In Canada October 2000, net foreign investment in Canadian securities was an inflow of +$7.8 billion. Year-to-date net foreign investment in Canadian securities was an inflow of +$35.3 billion.

In Canada October 2000, net Canadian investment in foreign securities was an outflow of -$11.6 billion. Year-to-date net Canadian investment in foreign securities was an outflow of -$48.2 billion.

Note: Outflow indicates an outflow of money from Canada - either Canadians investing abroad, or foreigners withdrawing assets. Inflow indicates an inflow of money into Canada - either Canadians withdrawing assets from abroad or foreigners investing in Canada.

EMPLOYMENT, EARNINGS AND HOURS OCTOBER 2000
Statistics Canada Cat. No. 72-002-XPB

In Canada October 2000, average weekly earnings (seasonally adjusted) declined -0.1% to $629.83 over September 2000, and increased +2.6% over October 1999. Employment (seasonally adjusted) increased +0.6% to 12.3 million over September 2000, and increased +0.3% over October 1999.

In Nova Scotia October 2000, average weekly earnings (seasonally adjusted) declined -0.5% to $525.01 over September 2000, and increased +1.3% over October 1999. Employment increased +2.7% to 343,000 over September 2000, and remained unchanged over October 1999.

QUARTERLY RETAIL COMMODITY SURVEY 3RD QUARTER 2000

In Canada 3rd quarter 2000, retail sales increased +6.6% to $72.1 billion over 3rd quarter 1999. Food and beverage share of total sales was 76.9%. The greatest increase in sales was recorded by automotive fuels, oils and additives at +22.1%.

MONTHLY SURVEY OF LARGE RETAILERS OCTOBER 2000

In Canada October 2000, sales by the group of large retailers increased +1.4% to $6.3 billion over October 1999.

From: Doug McCann
To: daily2
Date: 12/22/00 10:16AM
Subject: GDP at factor cost

GROSS DOMESTIC PRODUCT AT FACTOR COST BY INDUSTRY OCTOBER 2000
Statistics Canada Cat. No. 15-001-XIE

In Canada October 2000, GDP at factor cost (seasonally adjusted) increased +0.5% to $797.0 billion (annualized) over September 2000, and increased +4.6% over October 1999.